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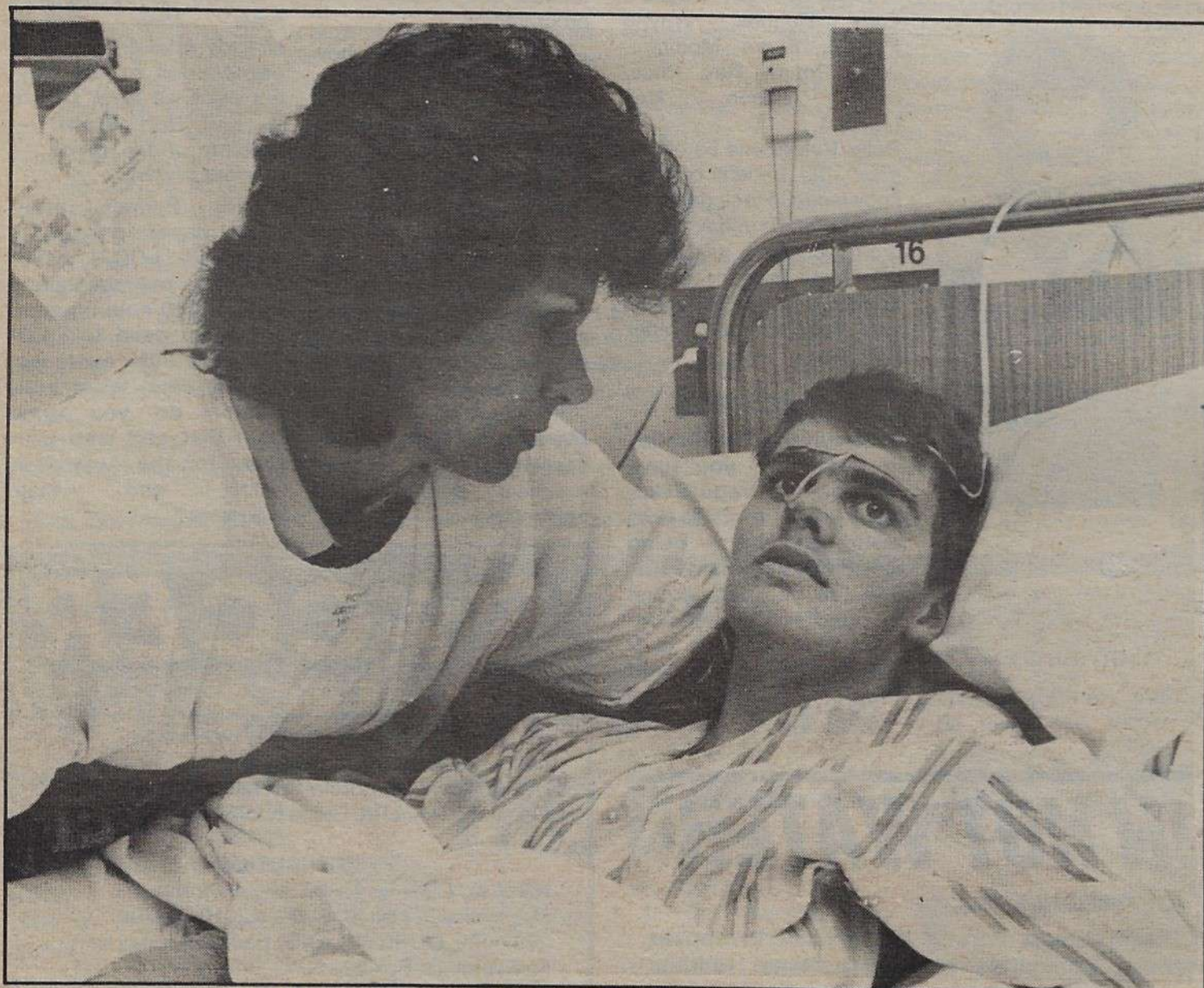
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"He hasn't given up and neither have I," says Wanda Bale as she keeps vigil by her son's bedside (picture by courtesy of the Manly Daily)

Tragic lightning strike

SUPER HUMAN PLUCK

BY ALEX VESIC

WARRINGAH FRESHWATER and Marconi are set to play a challenge match at Rugby League homeground Brookvale Oval on August 26 following a community effort to raise funds for intense rehabilitation of a young soccer player who was struck by lightning earlier this year.

On May 14 Justin Bale represented his school, St Paul's Manly, at a match played at Cromer Park.

The lightning bolt which struck during the game hit the 16-year-old in the chest, then shot down his body and into the ground.

Justin's chest was badly burned. Internal damage was caused as well as damage to his feet as a strong electrical charge went through his body.

The quick thinking of his teammates saved him. Craig Shelsher began the mouth-to-mouth resuscitation whilst his coach, Bob Dunn, kept him breathing before paramedics arrived to administer drugs and keep the young man alive.

Few expected Jason to survive despite the effort of his teammates and paramedics. His injuries were extensive and at one stage it was feared that his legs would have to be amputated.

But few knew the courage of this youngster.

At school he was a maths wizard. He was the only pupil at St Paul's Manly to win a prize in a nationwide maths contest. He also helped run the school newspaper, was an

active member of the school debating team, is a former NSW runner and played soccer, rugby league, rugby union and basketball as well as achieving top marks academically.

When he first arrived at Coorabel Hospital at Ryde for what was to be one long and arduous effort to survive, few at the hospital believed that the young man stood any chance at all.

Yet a few months later he obediently lifted his arm as a nursing sister at Coorabel, Barbara Thomas, asked for his assistance as she changed his bed sheets.

Wanda Bale, his mother, is a constant visitor at the hospital. "He hasn't given up hope and neither have I," she said after a recent visit to Coorabel. His sister is at his bedside at least four times a week.

"He is very stubborn, very determined and resignation has never been a word in his vocabulary. All through his life he has given challenge his best shot until he has conquered it. Doctors said he wouldn't survive but he proved them wrong. He is

a real fighter," said Wanda Bale.

At Coorabel Justin is a prized patient. His fight to stay alive could only be paralleled to his zest for life before the accident.

In coming weeks and months the staff at the Coorabel Hospital will work on physiotherapy, speech therapy, co-ordination in his arm movements as well as movements in his legs.

It all requires money and the local community at Manly certainly didn't forget one of its youngsters. The Manly Daily and Channel Seven network have set up a Justin Bale benefit fund to help raise money to continue the treatment that might help the youngster beat his disability.

It has been estimated that some 500,000 dollars will be required to carry the fight on.

Warringah Freshwater Soccer Club and its President Ziv Naprta will carry the flag for the code in its fight to raise funds to help Justin. Mr Naprta has offered to play the National League Giants Marconi in

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CAN APIA MAINTAIN THE RAGE?

BY KEITH GILMOUR

APIA-Leichhardt face another crisis game when they come up against star-studded Melbourne Croatia at Lambert Park on Sunday.

NSL leaders by a seven point margin, they have seven matches to go in the league proper.

Going through without a defeat in an unprecedented run? They feel that they can.

But each week must bring its undeniable pressures.

The 2-0 win over fellow Italian club Marconi must have pumped more adrenalin through the veins.

After Melbourne Croatia, the run home reads: v Sydney Olympic (away), v Sunshine (home), v Preston (away), v South Melbourne (home), bye v Sydney Croatia (home), v Brunswick (away).

The squad, led by former national coach Rale Rasic, and with the management team headed by Joe Prestia, has truly remarkable depth and fighting qualities.

But can they continue with that unbeaten run? It goes on the line on Sunday, and weekly to October 11.

MEANWHILE, TURN TO PAGE 16/17 FOR THE APIA SPREAD, WITH THANKS TO THEIR SPONSORS, AGIP PETROLEUM.

THREE GAMES LESS FOR SOCCEROOS

IT seems certain that Winfield Soccerroo coach Frank Arok will be preparing his squad without having the benefit of three games against China.

The Ampol Cup was to go on the line in Melbourne on November 4, followed by matches in Newcastle and Canberra.

Arok is currently building his squad up in a bid to obtain a place in the Seoul Olympics.

Although the Australian Soccer Federation has not officially been told by the Chinese that the tour is off, all the signs are there.

And there are further problems over the Olympic Games qualifying matches, with Papua New Guinea pulling out and then appealing to FIFA for reinstatement.

GEORGE CROSS FANS ARE ANGRY

A GROUP of Sunshine George Cross fans demonstrated volubly against coach John Gardiner in Sunday's 2-2 draw with St George at Chaplin Reserve.

It seems, rightly or wrongly, that they regard the possibility of demotion as being a subject to be placed at Gardiner's feet.

Markovski and Scottish recruit Gary Clark were substituted in the second half, as St George fought back to 2-2 and a share of the points.

But were some fans miffed because Gardiner went to Scotland to do his SFA badge in the course of the season.

In any case, Gardiner made his position clear. "I won't be resigning," he said.

The Editor

Ever there looks to be a case that is likely to lend every justification to an end of season grand final series it is 1987 in the West End National Soccer League.

If it would take a miracle of miracles for APIA-Leichhardt to fall down after establishing such a tremendous lead on the field.

Not that it couldn't happen. The same coach, Rale Rasic, suffered that fate when he was with Marconi some years ago.

But, with eight rounds remaining, APIA has the chance to come through with flying colours.

So that leaves a deal of the excitement revolving around the five semi-final contestants, and what a superb struggle that will present.

After all, there are only a few chinks of daylight filtering through from second place down to fourth last.

This year the championship is awarded to the top team at the end of round 26, with the grand final series classes as a separate competition altogether.

Whilst many soccer followers are used to first past the post, the less equitable but extremely exciting grand final series is one which is traditional in Australia.

Given the right climate and back-up, it will succeed time and time again.

People in different states will have other memories of grand final series contests over the years, but there is no doubt that some tremendous matches have been played.

Whilst this year there has so far been the tendency for the Sydney clubs to outdistance there Melbourne rivals, no-one should count on Melbourne clubs entirely missing the semi-finals cut-off point.

Preston Makedonia, now under control of the alert Ernie Merrick, look fit and brave enough to cause some upsets from here on in.

South Melbourne Hellas has had a curious year but Brian Garvie remains confident that the side should be able to shine.

There could be something a little awry with the Melbourne Croatia blend, but be sure that former Socceroo great Peter Ollerton is capable of smoothing out any errors.

From the Adelaide City viewpoint they are a strong side with a keen following, but one which would be highly fortunate to be able to challenge for their title from their present position.

Due to their over-keenness to win the South Australian Second Division, they doubled up top players in the SA League by then using them on August 2 in the NSL game against Marconi.

This sort of conduct is far, far below what is expected of a club with their proud record, and one which by dint of its own superhuman efforts has clambered back from an impossible financial situation.

Are there rules that will make such a situation impossible in future, if they are not in place already. Has an enquiry been ordered? If so, it has not reached public notice.

Looking at the clubs on the Sydney scene, Croatia unfortunately lost its way. Not having the depth of APIA and Marconi, they have failed to meet the contingencies of the day.

At the same time it is not impossible for them to burst out from their lethargy.

Probably no team has struck more misfortunes than Marconi. As a result they have had to wait in the wings, awaiting the chance to burst back into prominence.

Roberto Vieri, backed up by Berti Mariani, could still go places with the club.

Sydney Olympic's early-season misfortunes have been well documented, but since the arrival of Eddie Thomson there has been a distinct change.

Thomson has no illusions. He knows that he must soldier on for a semi-final position.

As with probably St George, Adelaide City and Preston, he is aware that few grand final winners are fashioned out of fifth place getters.

And then there is St George, where Frank Arok's budget limitations forced him to release players and then do much rebuilding from raw material.

Many of the recruits were passed over by the early part of the season, and then in came Kiwi International Kevin Hagan, with all his skills, and that great defender Steve O'Connor.

Sunshine George Cross, a keen bunch, are close to reconciled to demotion.

Heidelberg, under John Margaritis, have scored well but offset that by conceding too many goals.

Len McKendry's Brunswick Juventus promised a deal more, and have their opportunity to make amends over coming weeks.

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TWO JOYOUS OCCASIONS

IT'S great to report on two very happy occasions, which took place within the span of just three days.

First there was the dinner at St George club to honour the inclusion of Johnny Warren in the Australian Sports Hall of Fame.

Then there was a meeting with many other old friends at the Footscray game in Melbourne.



Johnny Warren

The Thursday evening function for Warren was so typically a St George promotion, with 'heavies' from both the playing side and the administration.

St George must be congratulated for another fine effort.

From the playing side were Atti Abonyi, Adrian Alston, Jim Fraser, George Harris, Peter Stone, Jack Reilly, Dez Marton, Manfred Schaefer, Willie Hamilton and Herbert Stegbauer.

Officials included Tony

Kovac, John Constantine, Charlie Perkins, Laurie Kelly, and of course Alex Pongrass and Les Bordacs.

And I ask to be forgiven for the names that I have missed.

Also asking forgiveness was Les Bordacs — gentleman enough to recall all those years ago when Warren was sacked as coach!

It was so typical of the way in which we all need to work together for the good of the game.

But, from another point of view, I look to the other great servants of the game who deserve honouring as well.

Apart from the ex-players mentioned above, there are others such as Terry Butler, Jim Rooney, that great character Ray Richards, and of course Peter Wilson with his marvellous on field record.



TERRY BUTLER

John Warren's service to soccer has been so

magnificent, both on and off the field.

From other former stars we don't obtain enough.



JIMMY ROONEY

Think of rugby league's Gary Hughes, Wayne Pearce, Steve Mortimer, John Peard, Ray Price, Jack Gibson, Roy Masters, Peter Peters and so on, all given the benefit of their knowledge to their game.

Yet that Thursday was a great occasion, and I can only hope that soccer can honour and get extra service from so many other past stars.

Friendships

Carrying on to Sunday at Footscray, you have their coach Drago Sekularac — a one-time world-rated star — being humble enough to allow that his own late arrival to build his squad's fitness had cost the club greatly compared with 1986.

And there was the

chance to meet up again with Frank Micić, Tom Stanković, Cedo Cirković and Vero Mladenović.

These are fascinating occasions. Many such people don't go to games now, and more is the pity.

They should be given privileged positions in club grandstands, and their involvement is a must for soccer.

These meetings led me to throw my mind back to 1977, when the start of the NSL brought a whole variety of promotions — T-shirts, player photographs, magazines, as well as Channel TEN's involvement.

Players like Dixie Deans made a huge impact and crowds reached 15 000/17 000, and the kids recognised the stars.

Now, 11 years later, when we charge \$6 for admission to see the NSL and youth teams, we have to find a way to combine football and entertainment programmes.

We must discover how to join the families in. How long can we survive if we don't take a different angle and capture the imagination of the public.

I think the NSL is the only answer. But what can you do if in a Friday afternoon paper, with three of Australia's top clubs playing in Sydney on the Sunday, you find only 2½cms exactly about the games.

It's great to write about Maradona, but where can soccer go when our own excellent products are neglected.



RALE RASIC gives his uppermost thoughts and views in his ASW column. Outspoken and frank, his stories make engrossing reading.

Our aim must be to create our own Maradonas, but where is the publicity?

TAILPIECE. I was glad to see Mark Brown, who has had a brilliant input to APIA, recognised with membership of the National squad.

Maybe some players have their tickets already booked, but it is tremendous to see players such as Mark Brown — and Rod Brown — coming under much — merited review.

ONE Sydney afternoon paper on Friday gave 81% LOCAL cover and 19% overseas on a total of 130 column cms. The other gave 10% LOCAL and 90% overseas, on 204 cms. What conclusion do you draw from that and who provides for the Australian clubs and their followers?

FAGAN IN HOT WATER

BY GREG RUSSELL

NORTH Star coach Iain Fagan seems certain to be cited to appear before the QSF management committee after sensational fulltime scenes after his team lost its undefeated record at Ipswich United a fortnight ago.

The 2-1 loss was climaxed by a last minute all-in brawl and a triple sending-off by referee Gordon Nicholson.

At the conclusion of the match Fagan raced onto the field and clashed with officials. Although much of the incident was just verbal abuse, it is understood the referees' official alleges a match official was pushed by Fagan.

The QSF recently imposed a three-match "suspension" on Coalstars coach Brian Styles for pushing a match official and the Queensland Referees Federation has campaigned heavily since for harsher penalties for "assaults".

Witnesses confirm Fagan's story that he never touched referee Nicholson, but he did "fend" linesman Steve Kingshott, who stepped in between the two.

Fagan fired a broadside at Nicholson after the match and called to be reported to allow him to have his say at any hearing.

"I hope I am reported, because something has got to be done about this man (Nicholson). In every game that we have him, there is trouble. Either it's er who are wrong, or him who's wrong," Fagan said.

"If I am reported, then I might get a chance to have my say and get something done."

The keenly contested match ended in uproar when an incident between Ipswich United fullback Dallas Graham and North Star striker Paul Fagan sparked an all-in brawl involving 15 of the 22 players on the park.

After order was restored, Nicholson sent-off Graham and Fagan then also red-carded North Star stopper Pat Leathan, who it was alleged head-butted United striker Peter Vogler during the Melee.

Although several of Nicholson's decisions through the match were confusing, few could argue that his actions were correct in ordering the triple send-off.

And Queensland Soccer Federation President, Roger Marshall, who coincidentally was at the game praised Nicholson's actions.

"I thought Gordon handled an exciting and entertaining game very well," he said.

Marshall confirmed that a detailed report of the incident had been submitted to the QSF management committee, but declined to reveal any details.

"As far as I am concerned it is a matter between us (the QSRF) and the Federation," he said.



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Former Soccerroo reckons . . .

THEY'VE MISSED THE BOAT

SAYS GRAHAM COOKE

SOME National Soccer League coaches are missing the boat by ignoring the talent on offer at the Australian Institute of Sport, recently appointed AIS assistant coach Gary Cole believes.

Up to 10 of the 17-strong squad could be available for clubs at the end of the season, but as yet there have only been a handful of inquiries, he said.

And with a heavy hint to the two NSW State Bank League clubs in the ACT area, he added that some of the graduating students would like to stay in Canberra.

Cole, appointed earlier this year and still in the process of settling into his new job, has definite views about the emphasis he would like to place on his coaching: "I want to see more players who are comfortable in possession of the ball.

"We have too few of them. It is a problem even among members of the national team."

It was never a fault that Cole possessed during his career — unless you count a tendency to get rid of the ball into the back of opponents' nets as a fault. In 10 seasons of NSL competition, initially with Heidelberg and then with Preston Makedonia, he scored 131 goals to lead the all-time list from John Kosmina and Mark Jankovics.

He is still only 31 — and does not hide the resentment he feels at the way his career in the big league was brought to a premature end by Preston last year.

"Because they had a shortage of experienced players I played half the season in the midfield then went back to the front line, scored nine goals in 10 games, and was sacked," he said.

"That would not have been so bad, but they put a \$15,000 transfer fee on my head which effectively quashed any interest from other NSL clubs in Melbourne.

"I still feel I could be playing there now had Preston not done that to me. They didn't want me anymore, but they could not bear to have me play against them for a club in the same competition.

"So when the AIS assistant coach's job was advertised I decided to give it a go rather than potter around in state league soccer."

Pottering around has never been in Cole's nature. He arrived in Australia as a 15-year-old from England in 1971 and almost at once forced his way into the Victorian under-16 side. "We finished third at the national titles in Canberra that season and the following year won in Sydney."

His first senior club was Ringwood City, then Fitzroy United (later Heidelberg) which became one of the founder members of the NSL in 1977.

And international honours came his way with an under-23 tour to

Indonesia where one of his team-mates was another promising youngster, John Kosmina, later to captain the Soccerroos.

"We weren't too successful but it was my first taste of large crowds and a good soccer atmosphere. I decided then that this was for me."

And soccer was rapidly becoming aware of him as he began to score freely in the new national competition. In 1978 he made his senior Soccerroo debut. "It was against Greece in Melbourne at the end of Jimmy Shoulder's spell as national coach. We lost 2-1 but I scored the goal."

He feels disappointed about not winning more trophies with Heidelberg. "We won one cup final, beating Sydney City 4-0 in Canberra when I scored a hat trick, but we always seemed to be the bridesmaids in the league.

"And, of course, I would love to have reached the World Cup finals. We should have in 1982 when we had a better squad than New Zealand but did it all wrong. We played them after they had gone out on the road, beating all the weaker teams, and had developed a team unity.

"It was after that I got seven against Fiji but it was too late. We were out."

That is all in the past for Gary Cole. Although he still has a burning desire to play the game, and would welcome an opportunity that fits in with his work, the new challenge as Ron Smith's assistant at the AIS absorbs him now.

"I haven't had a great deal of coaching experience, but being a teacher by profession helps. The two jobs are not so far removed — it is only the content of what you are trying to put over that changes.

"What I've seen so far has impressed me. The kids here understand a lot more about the game than I did at their age, but they lack experience. Their learning will not end when they leave here.

He believes that the AIS students, and soccer generally in Australia, should set realistic goals and go all out to meet them. "For instance, a realistic goal for the senior Soccerroos is to make the World Cup finals. I believe we can best do that by producing more players who are technically correct, taking a greater share of the possession and not always hurrying to give the ball away.

"The one player on the national scene who can really do this is Zarko Odzakovic. He is superb in possession. Robbie Slater is a grafter with plenty of pace who can also score goals and Robbie Dunn's game has improved."

And what are Gary Cole's personal goals? "I have learned my football in this country and I have been part of its national team. I want to coach the national team."

A bold objective, yet if he attacks this target with the same mixture of aggression and skill he showed in the opposition's penalty area over the past decade, who's to say he won't succeed.

HERD ALMOST A GUNNER

BY PAUL MOON

IN Willie Herd, Melbourne Croatia have acquired a player who early in his career very nearly joined one of the greatest clubs of world football — Arsenal.

The famous North London Gunners had Herd watched by a large number of their representatives before finally deciding that he was not the man for them. Although other leading lights of British soccer displayed interest in him at various times, his entire UK career was spent in the lower divisions of the Scottish League.

The Edinburgh-born striker broke into senior football with East Fife in 1978 and spent a couple of seasons at that second division club before a \$50,000 transfer to Falkirk took him up a grade.

Herd stayed with the "Bairns" for three years, until late 1983, when Partick Thistle paid \$20,000 to bring him to

Glasgow. The Scottish Press dubbed the newcomer as the replacement for Mo Johnston who had just left the "Jags" for Watford on a \$40,000 deal.

This was grossly unfair, for Herd had always been a creator rather than converter of goal chances and comparisons with the free-scoring Johnston were ridiculous.

Partick obviously had no illusions about Herd's goal poaching prowess and quickly converted him into a midfielder.

He was a Thistle first team regular right up to the time he signed for Croatia. In total he made 250 Scottish League appearances and scored 31 goals.

Turning 28 on October 2, the skilful Scot hardly comes into the faded veteran category and should prove himself to be one of Australian soccer's more worthwhile recruits once he has recovered from his knee injury.

PRESTON MAKEDONIA

Special program for match v Adelaide City on Sunday August 30.

11.15am Youth game

1.00pm Past Preston Makedonia players

1.45pm Junior club demonstration

2.10pm National costume dancing

2.25pm Presentations to guests Peter Daicos (Collingwood) and Alex Marcou (St Kilda)

2.30pm Kick off by Life Member Peter Daicos Snr.

Overview from ex-international JOHNNY DOYLE

APIA'S TACTICS WON THE DAY

SUNDAY'S battle at Bossley Park was a success for APIA's tactics, and for referee Arthur Owens, who kept a difficult game within reason physically.

Australian soccer has yet to develop the individual and team skills necessary to combat man to man intimidatory tackling.

It is very tempting for coaches to adopt effective tough play, knowing that repetitive free kicks can paralyse the opposition's game. A further bonus is then achieved if they master the subsequent set



IAN GRAY

play situations better than the opposition.

APIA are quick to readjust to set play situations.

Katholos is willing to move and distribute early, Bundalo has great skill and is arrogant in possession, and strokes the ball about creatively.

Burim Zajmi is deceptive, he holds the ball up well, can take on a player and does his work in defence.

Butler and Tredinnick are very responsible. They hunger for victory, de Marigny plays out well from the back and Pezza-

no is great in goal.

As for Marconi, they stroke the ball about better in open play. Henderson is still classy. He stays a bit central as sweeper, leaving the full backs one out.

Gray is brave and exciting coming forward. His two mazy runs into the penalty areas attest to it. Gunning is prepared to pass and go for the return, he attacks defences but spoils the excitement of his run with a one footed approach that allows good defenders to steal the ball.

His work rate in defence was sadly lost to his team when he was replaced. This strategy more than anything else started the demise of Marconi.

The trio of Butler, Katholos and Brown revelled in the extra seconds of possession.

It's a luxury you don't afford experienced campaigners, it's what APIA don't allow oppositions.

This trio now choreographed the two goals for APIA, the first from the brilliant left foot of Katholos, the second a cheeky near-post header by Ward from a free kick again on the Apia right flank.

Marconi players could augment their athletic style with more subtle running off the ball techniques, this would bring out the real creator Maxwell.



APIA's defender JEAN PAUL de MARIGNY shows his style.



PETER KATHOLOS

A story of courage . . . from the front page.

a fund raising effort on the North Shore and Tony Labbozzetta, the President of Marconi Soccer Club, accepted immediately.

Brookvale Oval, the home of the Manly Warringah Rugby League Club, was sought and Doug Daley, its hard working secretary, has agreed. He offered Brookvale Oval for Wednesday August 26 for the fund-raising match even with the crucial semi-finals looming.

This kind of offer as well as the effort by the War-

ringah Freshwater president indicates once again the effort that the local community makes in an attempt to raise the awareness of the whole of the city of Sydney to step in and help.

The NSW Soccer Federation through its president John Constantine and National League through its vice-president Tony Labbozzetta have given the go-ahead for this game leaving our soccer supporters to show their hand in this great fund-raising venture.



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NATIONAL LEAGUE NEWS

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IAN ROODHOUSE
Preston Makedonia

Voted Makedonia's player of the year in only his first season at the club. Came through the Box Hill juniors and played 63 State League games for the club between 1983 and '85. Left for a six month stay in Britain in 1985 and trialled at Crystal Palace and with a Scottish first division club only to be stopped from staying on because of the restrictions in gaining a working visa. On his arrival back followed his Box Hill coach Bill Murray to Preston Makedonia. Murray converted him from a fullback to a central midfield role last season.

Born: 15 March 1964
NSL debut: Brisbane City 0 Preston Makedonia 0 30 March 1986
NSL career details: Preston Makedonia 1986: 21 apps



JEFF FAULKNER
Sunshine George Cross

Skipper of the team enjoying his best ever period in the NSL. The midfielder was brought to Australia from English non-League club Kettering in 1978 and helped Preston to the Victorian State League championship and subsequent promotion into the NSL. Moved to Melbourne Croatia in 1982 for \$5,000 and two seasons later helped that club move up to the new two division National League. After losing his midfield spot was again on the move this time for \$8,000 to Cross and has now been with the club through the initial two seasons of turmoil to then lead it into the reduced one division league.

Born: 12 January 1956. **NSL debut:** Preston Makedonia 0 Canberra 1, 15 February 1981.
NSL career details: Preston Makedonia 1981: 15 apps. + 3 sub.
Melbourne Croatia 1984: 10 apps. + 1 sub.
Sunshine George Cross 1984: 15 apps. 3 goals
1985: 22 apps. 2 goals
1986: 23 apps. 1 goal

NSL VIEWPOINT ON CROWDS

EXECUTIVE director of the West End National Soccer League, Stefan Kamasz answers recent criticism of the league's crowds, facilities and the summer soccer issue...

A recent article by David Jack in the Sydney "Sun" newspaper highlighted the "falling crowds and lack of facilities" at national league venues...

Here Kamasz answers the arguments put forward in David Jack's article...

Dear David

I read with great amazement your article in yesterday's Sun, headed 'On The Brink', pointing out the low level of crowds last weekend at West End NSL matches.

Whilst a total of almost 12,000 people for six matches is not something to be enthused about, let's take the matter in its proper perspective by comparing it with Rugby League crowds on the same day in Sydney.

The three Rugby League matches, in what is a sport with high financial backing and massive media exposure, managed to draw 14,000 spectators.

In fact, Sydney Olympic's attendance was comparable with two of the three Rugby League matches played. If you believe that we have problems, then I would think that Rugby League has even more.

The truth of the matter, however, is that Sunday's inclement weather played a major role in adversely affecting gates at all sporting fixtures in Sydney and Melbourne, and in soccer's case, when the type of facility that exists is taken into consideration, it is a wonder that so many spectators chose to attend matches.

With regard to facilities, as you know the League is now taking steps to ensure improvements take place at every ground where necessary.

Turning to your suggestion of a return to State Leagues, this in effect existed during 1984, 1985 and 1986. It did not work and, in fact, spectators, players, coaches and club officials chose to return to the present format.

I should also point out that this year average crowds in Sydney are higher than last year, despite the fact that interstate teams draw very little support.

Finally, at a time when we are in our eleventh year as a national league and other football codes, after much research, are expanding their competitions geographically, does this not suggest that the present system is best?

If you have any doubt, I would suggest you talk to these other codes as well as the spectators, players, coaches and club officials involved with soccer. They will tell you that the present system is the best alternative.

David, you may also be surprised to find that in the main, they would also seriously consider a switch of season with the onflowing benefits.

Your sincerely,
Stefan Kamasz
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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PETER PETKOVSKI
St George

Utility who came through the St George juniors and had already established himself in the club's NSL senior squad by the time he was included in the Young Socceroo side for the Oceania qualifiers and then the World Youth Championship finals in USSR in 1985. At St George he scored his first NSL goal while playing fullback against Canberra in July '83. Since then he has been used in midfield or attack and this season is concentrating on a striking position. Is still only 20 years old but has already grabbed 14 NSL goals.

Born: 25 September 1966
NSL debut: St George 1 Heidelberg 1, 5 June 1983
NSL career details: St George 1983: 8 apps. + 10 sub. 3 goals
1984: 19 apps. + 8 sub. 5 goals
1985: 10 apps. + 9 sub. 2 goals
1986: 17 apps. + 5 sub. 4 goals



STEVE MARLEY
Heidelberg

One of a number of players who came to Melbourne soccer from Scottish non-league club Pollok. Marley, who was on the books of Hibernian earlier in his career, joined Croydon City from Pollok for \$4,000 in July 1983. Croydon used him as sweeper but he was there for less than 12 months before he was snapped up by Heidelberg for \$4,000 in April 1984. Since then has been a fixture at left back although former coach Brian Garvey experimented with him in midfield in the 1986 Buffalo Cup. Missed a good part of the 1984 season with a knee injury. Was a member of Heidelberg's Buffalo Cup winning side in 1985.

Born: 4 May 1961
NSL debut: Footscray 0 Heidelberg 3, 29 April 1984
NSL career details: Heidelberg 1984: 11 apps.
1985: 23 apps.
1986: 21 apps. + 1 sub



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AD CITY WARMS TO TASK WITH BACKING

By TOM McKAIN

COACH Zoran Matic warned ASW readers last week he was ready to lead his club's charge to defend the national league title, and now City's backers and officials have also come out swinging.

They announced a \$100,000 fighting fund to buy players for their West End National League campaign next year, and to bolster the reserve team which has gained promotion to the SA Rothmans League First Division.

This came on top of an announcement at a function attended by the club's glitterati, at the new Adelaide Convention Centre, that City had wiped out ALL its debts and would be showing a PROFIT at the end of the season.

"We're on our way to what we hope will be a permanent spot in the top five as long as the West End National League exists," said Mr Gordon Pickard, Managing Director of Fairmont Homes, the club's main sponsor.

"And then he coined a phrase which must go down in the Soccer record books.

"They've got the pokies, we've got the people."

He was referring to the Sydney clubs and the fact that City was about to embrace the whole SA Soccer community in a fund-raising plan.

Fairmont has handed over \$20,000 which will be matched by City, to start the ball rolling in a drive for the \$100,000.

While business houses have already started to pledge \$5000 and \$10,000 donations, Mr

Pickard said certificates for \$10 donations and up would be issued to fans wanting to join the fund being set up to buy players.

"All the cash in this fund will be used to buy. Any other spending will come from the general club fund," he said.

"We're hoping to confine our spending to the SA leagues, with perhaps one interstate and overseas player.

"And if we have to spend big, any sponsors who come in with large amounts will be refunded should we sell the player they help to sponsor under special circumstances." Mr Pickard's company has worked on the principal of giving City dollar for dollar raised.

"Other clubs should do the same," he said. "Get off their backsides and do something."

While City has been known as the 'Scrooge' of the NSL with no signing-on fees and their players on a flat rate — \$300 a win, \$100 a draw NOTHING for losing and \$75 for training four times a week — their pay will get a hike next year.

Club president, Mr Charlie Caruso said the players had done their bit to get the club out of its debt, which topped \$300,000 three years ago.

At one point the club



ADELAIDE CITY Juventus striker JOE MULLEN throws a defender with a deft flick and a nippy turn.

was facing liquidation.

"We had to go to the players, ask some to forget signing-on fees, all of them to accept a cut in wages, and if they could not see their way to doing that, we would have to let them go.

"Every local guy stood by us, and we won't forget it."

He said a new format for payments would be struck next year with increases coming from success, using a pay-on-performance basis against the top teams in the league, in addition to the payments being offered on a basic basis.

"We have been called the paupers of the NSL," said Mr Caruso.

"But we have a magnificent ground and club-rooms — paid for — and we will be able to pay what we promise, and from now on we will not be working on huge overdrafts and wondering where the next \$1000 is coming from."



City's skipper BUGSY NYSKOHUS (left) and CHARLIE VILLANI (centre) with Olympic's Andy Stankovic during last year's National Grand Final.

South Melbourne Hellas

BRIAN GARVEY SOLDIERS ON

IT was almost imperceptible and yet one seemed certain that there was an audible sigh of relief in Brian Garvey's voice when he talked to ASW last week.

The end of a week rife with rumours and press speculation about Garvey's impending demise as coach of Greek giants South Melbourne Hellas.

In the final analysis the rumours came to nothing and the club heirarchy, for whatever it may mean, came out in a show of public support for the Middle Park supremo.

"Of course I'm pleased," Garvey said most emphatically.

"There's no doubt that it's upsetting when you see things printed in the paper about your position at the club."

But was it all just paper talk?

After a run of three bad results and a spell of a month without victory, were the knives being sharpened in the bowels of Middle Park where the decision-makers sit in judgement?

"I don't believe it came from the top, but yes there are some who would like me out," Garvey said.

"But at most clubs there are factions not in power who like to have a say and cause trouble.

"As it is I am confident of my position for the moment and I'm preparing to carry on next year."

Expectations are always high at South Melbourne — its support, history and finances demand success.

It seemed Garvey, in his first season at the helm since a close-season

move from rival Heidelberg, was fulfilling expectations until mid-July.

Record

Two successive wins as the season resumed extended the club's unbeaten run to five games and third spot on the NSL ladder was just reward.

The run was to continue with a point at Sydney Olympic the following Sunday but the Hellas challenge went out with a whimper on July 19, when an albeit injury-hit side fell ingloriously away to basement team Sunshine George Cross 3-0.



South's GARY McDOWALL, in Garvey's line-up.

A home point against Preston was followed by

home defeat against Footscray JUST and the Beach Fashion Cup finalist had let league leader APIA slip out of its grasp.

But Garvey was ready to jump to his team's defence. "Look it's not like we've slumped to the bottom of the league or dropped right down is it?", he said defiantly.

"I know we've had three bad results but up until a month ago we'd had our best spell for the season and it's not like we've gone from best to worst.

"And that run has looked a lot worse than it was as we played Sunshine George Cross and Footscray and in both games neither of them played like bottom teams.

"They both performed exceptionally well against us."

Garvey's summation of his opposition during South Melbourne's horror stretch is backed up by the results of recent weeks.

Preston, to the end of round 17, was undefeated in six games, Footscray unconquered in three outings and George Cross losing just one in three.

Accomplishment

It all sounded much worse than it was and despite that 'Garvey out' faction, the South Melbourne boss is pleased with what he's managed since taking charge of Middle Park.

"We've played very well in the Beach Fashions Cup and we've made the final in October", he explained.

"We were also beaten in the final of the Buffalo Cup and all year we've

been trying to play open end-to-end Soccer.

"Because of that the media have been keen to get us to TV and that good exposure has meant we've got plenty of pluses from this season already.

"We haven't spent money like Marconi or APIA did this year and from that point of view the club has done well while still managing to cut the wage bill down.

"I think that shows the club's stability even if, especially with Halford's injury, that we've now only a smallish squad of around 16 players.

"And, as I said, we've tried to get away from playing that over physical Soccer this year and tried to play open attacking Soccer as Adelaide City did when it won the championship last year."

The fate of South Melbourne Hellas is still very much in its own hands this season.

A place in the top five is still a definite chance with games against fellow finalists aspirants Sydney Croatia, St George and leaders APIA in September.

Top five — Garvey wouldn't have a bar of it.

"Everybody is talking as if APIA has already won the league and no-one else has a chance," Garvey told me.

"But if we put a good run together..."

"The Beach Fashions Cup would be a nice bonus to win and it would give this club some prestige.

"But I suppose the first thing is to get back to winning some matches."

WOLLONGONG'S RECRUIT

WHETHER by accident or design, Wollongong City's recent gain Cane Despotoski hails from Wollongong's sister city in Yugoslavia, Ohrid.

Since arriving in Wollongong, Cane's peers have christened him "Kenny". Celebrations were in order as his 21st birthday arrived on August 15.

TORNADOES' STRENGTHEN

THE Sydney Toyota Tornadoes have had a big response over the past two weeks, with some more players attending training.

Players like John Spanos and Don McLeod could be joining the club, which is the current Australian champion.

With this kind of response manager Ben Pinchas states that the Tornadoes could well select two teams that would hold their own in the N.I.S.L.

The Sydney Toyota Tornadoes have ensured that they will not have to look for players in the future, as they will have their own junior team in the N.S.W. Indoor Soccer competition this year.

The Sydney Toyota Tornadoes and the Lotto All Stars will share the use of the Fairfield Leisure Centre and season tickets for all their home games will soon be available.

All home games will be double headers. For inquiries please contact Ben Pinchas on 214 6666 or Scott Gilligan on 771 1677.

SAINTS BOOST FOR PRESTON

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

ST GEORGE will be at full strength when they take on visiting Preston at the St George Stadium on Sunday.

Saints boss Frank Arok said last night: "We will have Andy Koczka, Craig Moffitt and Peter Petkovski back."

Petkovski played the last 45 minutes in the 2-2 draw with Sunshine George Cross.

"Preston is an unknown quantity. They have brought many new players into their squad over the past six weeks," Arok said.

Koczka injured his ankle two weeks ago against Sydney Olympic, but should be cleared for Sunday's match.

The Saints scrambled out of jail last Sunday when Sunshine George Cross scored two early goals.

It was left to attacking midfielder, Alan Pottier, to bail the Saints out with two excellent second half goals.

Preston, admits Arok, has had many of the Sydney teams puzzled with their short European style of football.

"We have scored four goals in our last two matches but have created triple that in chances," Arok said.

Phil Triannidis, Preston's agile goalkeeper, will be one of his side's best weapons against the St George strike duo of Scott Ollernshaw and Koczka.

The league ladder has become so tight that there is very little difference between second position and 10th spot.

A win is almost imperative to both Saints and Preston if they wish to stay in the race for a position in the Top Five play-offs in two months.

Demotion is likely but . . .

SUN WILL SHINE AGAIN

GREG BLAKE shows how Sunshine George Cross could have the last laugh.

LIFE is not about to end for Sunshine George Cross even if the seemingly inevitable happens and the club is relegated at the end of the current West End NSL year.

So says club president Alf Zahra.

Indeed Zahra believes relegation could mean just the opposite for the currently struggling team from the Western Suburbs of Melbourne.

It could be, he says, just the springboard his much-maligned club needs to bounce back into the NSL in two or three years.

"If we are looking to the immediate future — say two years — then we can look forward to the development of our youth players.

"As it is, our current first team is getting older and we believe our young players eventually will be better.

"Most NSL clubs currently owe upwards of \$300,000 and if we go down, and without selling any of our current players, we'll only be \$50,000 in the red.

"If we go down we'll have to sell and we'll only be able to hang on to three or four senior players.

"With that we'll have to look to the youth players and we'll be able to blood them in senior grade and make them strong.

"Mark my words, if we go down we start building again and we won't be looking to stay in the State League for long.

"Even if we won the State League at first try we mightn't even apply to go back into the NSL, because as well as building on the fine youth players we have at the club, we also went to be strong financially when we go back."

Triers

Four seasons of life in the NSL have bought mixed fortunes for the hardy club built from the merger of George Cross and Sunshine City back in the early 1980's.

A climb from last to a place in the Southern Division finals in 1986 capped a courageous run for an outfit boasting such limited resources.

But the crash of '87 has been a resounding one, despite the good work of committee and coaching staff.

Relegation seems a certainty with still a third of the season to play, which will suit many of the other NSL clubs who've ventured to Chaplin Reserve in recent years.

The major gripe has been about the facilities at Chaplin Reserve with

some interstate clubs, and rightly so, complaining bitterly about the conditions at the Sunshine ground.

That is another problem the club hopes to address before the time comes for them to rejoin Australian Soccer's elite.

Moving

"We've certainly like to be in the NSL if the

George Cross and Victorian Provisional League outfit North Sunshine, will play out of the new ground.

"The new facilities include four grounds with the major one featuring a grandstand, under cover, for 2,000 people," Zahra explained.

"There will also be a hall to seat 750 people, decent toilet facilities, dressing



ROBERT MARKOVAC (right) of Sunshine eludes South's Ange Postecoglou Photo Les Shorrock

dreams for our new ground come true," Zahra told me.

"The Sunshine Council have told us that the lease on Chaplin Reserve ends in 1990 so we'll definitely have to leave here.

"But they've also told us that our new ground will be ready for us by then," he added.

Although deemed a general sporting facility, the new complex to be built in Carrington Drive Sunshine will house four Soccer pitches.

Two clubs, Sunshine

rooms and floodlighting.

"This is great news for the club and the council has given us great response and encouragement.

"It's already been passed for our juniors to play on and they'll be starting up there next season."

So while the gloom and doom merchants are having a field day with Sunshine George Cross at the moment it might yet be the not so down-and-out club which ends up having the last laugh.



GARY CLARK — Sunshine's new striker star.

"It's hard to know but if we are relegated we'll just have to go on and build on our losses," Zahra told ASW last week.

"And certainly in one sense relegation mightn't be so bad for the club in the long run.

Norths look to the Stars, but . . .

MONEY ISN'T FUNNY!

NORTH STAR, who last week snatched the Queensland XXXX League lead off Lions, appear to be having second thoughts about making a national league bid.

The club has announced it has just 12 weeks to find \$250,000 if its bid is to go ahead. With that kind of money near impossible to raise in the present economic climate, it seems the club's NSL aspirations are over.

Coach Iain Fagan is maintaining a brave face and has urged sponsors to "back North Star," but the club realistically cannot expect to raise the money.

And unless a tooth fairy leaves it overnight, it seems Queensland will be without a representative if North Star can hold off Lions for the remaining month of the season.

If that is the case, several Lions directors will be bitter as they have fought long and hard this season to ready the club for a quick return to the NSL. Monies have been put aside and strategic plans have been

made to launch the club's next NSL campaign under a new identity, using marketing strategies developed with great success by the Brisbane Bullets Basketball team.

But the sad, but true, fact will be if Lions don't win the XXXX League, then they will have only themselves to blame. The squad, which contains 10 Queensland players, should have wrapped up the title weeks ago.

Instead, the premiership decider could be the Lions-North Star clash at Richlands on August 30. And up until last weekend, after Lions' 1-2 loss to Azzurri Brisbane City, the Richlands team were in a must-win situation. A draw would keep North Star ahead.

North Star remain confident that if they look like winning the league, they will be able to rally enough financial support to go into the play-offs.

But even Fagan has conceded that if the money cannot be gathered,

NSL will have to wait 12 months.

"The boys want to go. We have worked very hard this season and it would be heart-breaking if we could not go, but we have to face facts," he stated.

The club has appointed a fulltime fund-raiser in an attempt to raise the necessary cash, but time is fast running out. And tragically for Queensland Soccer, on the other side of town, Lions are sitting on a healthy bank account, but also with a team which has failed to play to its full capabilities.

ROYAL BLIND SOCIETY'S SPORTS GIRLS QUEST

RECENTLY, the Royal Blind Society held the NSW Sports Girl Quest '87 and below ASW provides some information on Bronwyn Fitzgibbon and Ann-Marie Pennycook, two of the entrants, both with a keen enthusiasm for the game of soccer.

BRONWYN FITZGIBBON UMINA

Sport and community work go hand in hand for Bronwyn Fitzgibbon who spends much of her spare time working for the surf lifesaving movement.

A keen soccer player as well, she is vice captain of Ocean Beach Surf Lifesaving Club.

She is on the management committee, social/fund raising committee and the judiciary committee.

A dedicated lifesaver, she has been awarded the bronze medallion, first aid certificate and awards for work on the radio and the inflatable rescue boat.

Her other sports include soccer, swimming, tennis, squash, basketball, water polo netball.

She still competes in netball and her team, Malibu Girls is undefeated this year.

She also plays soccer with the Ocean Beach Women's Club and has twice won awards for the most improved player.

She plays indoor soccer with the Ed Garner Round Robin Weekend Tournament.

Apart from her community work as a surf lifesaver, Bronwyn also trains children 18 months and over in swimming. She was also involved with the Community Swimming Scheme which helped train children from the local catholic school.

Bronwyn is in the final year of a Bachelor of Education to teach children under eight years.

ANNE-MARIE PENNYCOOK FIVE DOCK

The term "sports woman" couldn't be more appropriate for Anne-Marie Pennycook who has played no less than 13 sports during her 24 years.



Anne-Marie currently competes in five sports; soccer, swimming, water polo, hockey and touch football.

She has competed at the district level for the City of Sydney Swim Club, plays State League soccer and first grade water polo, and also manages to find time to play hockey and touch football regularly.

In most sports she is also involved at the administrative level.

She is an executive member of her swimming club, vice captain of the water polo club and social secretary of the GHWFA (soccer).

One would think that her hobbies would be sedentary however, they are aerobics and cycling.

Anne-Marie is associated with the Drummoyne Youth Forum, a group established and funded by Drummoyne Council to look at the needs of youth in the area.

She is a physical education teacher. She has a special interest in the Quest as her brother is sighted in only one eye.



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ENGLISH DIVISION 1	LIVERPOOL	DERBY C.	1	1
	LUTON TOWN	WEST HAM	2	X
	MAN. UTD.	WATFORD	3	1
	NORWICH	COVENTRY	4	2
	NOTTM. F.	EVERTON	5	X
	PORTSMOUTH	SOUTH'PTON	6	1
	Q.P.R.	ARSENAL	7	1
	SHEFF. WED.	NEWCASTLE	8	1
	TOTTENHAM	CHELSEA	9	X
	WIMBLEDON	OXFORD U.	10	2
DIVISION 2	ASTON VILLA	BIRMINGHAM	11	1
	BLACKBURN	W.B.A.	12	X
	BOURNEM'TH	BRADFORD C.	13	1
	CRYSTAL P.	HULL C.	14	X
	LEEDS U.	READING	15	1
	MILLWALL	BARNSELY	16	1
	OLDHAM A.	MAN. CITY	17	2
	PLYMOUTH	HUDDERSF'LD	18	1
	SHREWSBURY	IPSWICH T.	19	2
	STOKE C.	MIDDLESBRO'	20	X
DIVISION 3	SWINDON	SHEFF. UTD.	21	2
	ALDRSHOT	MANSFIELD	22	2
	BLACKPOOL	WALSALL	23	X
	BRISTOL C.	PRESTON	24	1
	CHESTERF'LD	BRIGHTON	25	X
	FULHAM	DONCASTER	26	1
	GRIMSBY	GILLINGHAM	27	1
	ROTHERHAM	BURY	28	2
	SUNDERLAND	BRISTOL R.	29	X
	WIGAN A.	PORT VALE	30	2
DIVISION 4	YORK	NOTTS. C.	31	2
	BOLTON W.	CARDIFF	32	2
	CAMB'GE U.	CREWE A.	33	X
	CARLISLE	SCUNTHORPE	34	2
	DARLINGTON	STOCKPORT	35	1
	LEYTON O.	SCARBORO'	36	1
	ROCHDALE	PETERBORO'	37	X
	SWANSEA	EXETER	38	1

*RESERVE MATCHES

DIV. 4	WOLVES	HALIFAX	39	
	WREXHAM	HARTLEPOOL	40	
	DUNDEE	ST. MIRREN	41	
	DUNFERMLINE	CELTIC	42	
	HEARTS	DUNDEE UTD.	43	
	MORTON	HIBERNIAN	44	
	MOTHERWELL	ABERDEEN	45	
	RANGERS	FALKIRK	46	
	AIRDRIE	DUMBARTON	47	
	CLYDE	EAST FIFE	48	
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	KILMARNOCK	FORFAR	50	
	MEADOWBANK	Q. OF S'TH.	51	
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**MARCONI Fairfield 0
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"MARCONI could never beat us," they are the fighting words of APIA coach Rale Rasic, after his side had taken its unbeaten run to 17 with a 2-0 win at Bossley Park in a monumental derby match.

By FRANK COLETTA

"It wasn't going to happen, it's as simple as that. They (Marconi) were never going to win the championship before this game either," he stressed.

Strong statement indeed, but when it was all said and done, Marconi just did not take their chances and paid dearly.

The vocal crowd of 9000 saw Frank Farina's worst

finishing display for a long time as he missed a sitter from a metre out in the first half and a penalty in the second.

Despite this, the Socceroo flier was denied a near certain chance to make it 1-1 midway through the second half when Charlie Yankos brought him crashing down on the edge of the

area.

The decision by referee Arthur Owens to only chastise Yankos with a yellow card, may well have proved the turning point of the match.

The home side had all the play in the first 45 minutes and rarely was their defence troubled.

Referee Owens had a busy afternoon and flashed the first of his cards after only seven minutes, when Peter Katholos fouled Ian Gray.

In all seven were handed out and the first was as petty as much of the others.

One of the matches of the year deserved a referee of the calibre of Don Campbell or Chris Bamberbridge. It was blatantly clear.

After seventeen minutes the Fairfielders showed a glimpse of what was to come with a beautiful quick interchange of passes which resulted in Geoff Gunning releasing Farina who, despite being ruled offside, shot poorly and Tony Pezzano got

down quickly to smother well.

Three minutes later Steve Maxwell chipped a gem of a pass through for Farina. He snuck in behind Arno Bertogna but lost out when the APIA skipper and keeper challenged him, the ball spinning wide of goal.

Then came the first of Farina's tragic miss. Twelve minutes prior to the break, Ian Gray raced around Peter Tredinnick and jinked past Yankos and Mark Brown to put the ball across the goalmouth where Marconi's centre forward was lurking and despite his stretch no goal resulted.

Farina tried to make amends with a left footer that Pezzano dealt with.

Gerry Gomez was as ever, throwing himself into the fray and went close twice in the space of three minutes with a header and volley.

Right on the stroke of half-time Brown upended Maxwell in no uncertain manner and earned himself a booking. Set-piece ex-

pert Zlatko Nastevski was on the bench and Gunning's drive was never going to trouble Pezzano.

For all their dominance, Marconi had no result. APIA came out breathing fire in the second term and it Burim Zajmi, who was shackled masterfully by Robert Wheatley, was able to get a cross in for one of the few times on the day but Tredinnick's finishing let him down, the ball sailing wide.

Bruce James was finally called on in the 57th minute when Rod Brown, rarely sighted, layed the ball off for Peter Katholos, becoming increasingly involved, his shot being well held.

Katholos was inspired now and he let fly with another 20 metre drive eight minutes later that flew just over the crossbar.

It proved a case of third time lucky, when after 70 minutes he took advantage of lead up work from the ginger-haired Brown and drilled his left foot shot from 22 metres into the far corner, giving his side the

all-important first goal.

But Marconi's reply was swift and almost clinical. Farina took on and beat Bertogna and did the same to Yankos, leaving flat on his back. As the Marconi striker rounded him the Socceroo skipper flayed out a leg and sent him sprawling to the turf with only Pezzano to beat.

The Marconi side was incensed. But Owens punished a blatant professional foul with the yellow card. Simply — it was a sending off offence.

After Lee Sterrey had Yankos heading the ball away from goal after a well timed half volley, Marconi received the break they were searching for.

Gray set off on one his renowned runs down the by-line and as he approached goal was brought crashing down by Katholos. A penalty and many looked to Tommy McCulloch to do the honours. But Farina stepped up and didn't really hit the spot-kick well enough, Pezzano doing well however to get down to

parry the ball away.

With Marconi striving in vain for the equaliser, APIA broke away on the counter often and James was brave when he dived at the feet of the onrushing Hilton Philips with five minutes left.

But the end was near. APIA went 2-0 up a minute later when Bertogna's long free-kick fell at the feet of the other substitute Gary Ward and his shot gave James no chance from five yards.



MARK BROWN (APIA)

The Marconi camp were unhappy about the loss but seething over the decision that saw Yankos stay on the park.

"In Europe, the rest of the world in fact that (the Yankos foul on Farina) would have been a red card," exclaimed an exasperated Roberto Vieri.

The Marconi coach continued: "Not only should he have been sent off, one or two more should have. But we are used to this rough sort of play. It's normal for us to be on the receiving end, we always are."

Tony Henderson was also bemused but added, "credit to them, they took their chances and we didn't. This is what it is all about — taking your chances. A draw would have been a fair result."

The man in the middle of the controversy — Yankos had a few snide remarks to make about the media.

"When is the bubble going to burst?" he chided. "Time is running out," referring to remarks in the press as to when APIA's reign will end.

Rasic was buoyant ... and rightly so.

"Where are all the experts now. I'm on top where are they?"

"This team, a team of champions, is unbeatable. There are no individuals here, we work hard and do a magnificent job when it comes to playing," he enthused.

MARCONI: James, Sterrey, Wheatley, Henderson, Calderan, Gomez, Gray, McCulloch, Gunning (Nastevski 67), Farina, Maxwell.

APIA: Pezzano, de Marigny, Yankos, Bertogna, M.Brown, Bundalo (Ward 52), Tredinnick, Zajmi, Butler (Philips 77), Katholos, R.Brown.

CROWD: 8950.

Referee: A.Owens (Newcastle).

Yellow Cards: P.Katholos, M.Brown, C.Yankos and H.Philips (APIA). G.Gunning, L.Sterrey and F.Farina (Marconi).

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	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
APIA-L'hardt.....	17	10	7	-	26	12	27
Syd Croatia.....	17	8	4	5	27	16	20
Marconi.....	17	8	3	6	28	20	19
Sydney Olympic.....	16	7	5	4	21	17	19
St George.....	17	7	4	6	19	20	18
Melb Croatia.....	17	8	2	7	19	22	18
Adelaide City.....	17	5	7	5	24	15	17
Preston.....	16	5	7	4	19	15	17
South Melbourne.....	16	6	5	5	22	21	17
Brunswick.....	17	7	2	8	12	16	16
Footscray.....	16	4	4	8	8	23	12
Heidelberg.....	17	3	4	10	22	33	10
Sunshine.....	16	1	4	11	15	32	6

THE NAT. LEAGUE RESULTS

MELBOURNE CROATIA 1 (I Wallace) b HEIDELBERG 0 at Olympic Park. Crowd: 4500. (double header).

SYDNEY OLYMPIC 1 (T Patalis) b ADELAIDE CITY 0 at St George Stadium. Crowd: 2809.

APIA-LEICHHARDT 2 (P Katholos, G Ward) b MARCONI 0 at Marconi Stadium. Crwd: 8950.

PRESTON 0 drew with BRUNSWICK 0 at Connor Reserve. Crowd: 2000.

SUNSHINE 2 (J Markovski 2) drew with ST GEORGE 2 (A Pottier 2) at Chaplin Reserve. Crowd: 2000.

SOUTH MELBOURNE 1 (S Blair) drew with SYDNEY CROATIA 1 (Z Odzakov) at Olympic Park. Crowd: 4500. (double header).

THE NSL TOP SCORERS

ROD BROWN APIA-Leichhardt	12
FRANK FARINA Marconi	10
ROBBIE SLATER Sydney Croatia	9
PAUL LEWIS Melbourne Croatia	8
GRAHAM ARNOLD Sydney Croatia	7
RON CAMPBELL Preston	7
LAWRIE MCKINNA Heidelberg	7
CHARLIE VILLANI Adelaide City	7
STEVE SMITH Preston	6
JOE MULLEN Adelaide City	6
IAN WALLACE Melbourne Croatia	6
JOHN KOSMINA Sydney Olympic	5
PAUL WADE South Melbourne	5
SCOTT OLLERENSHAW St George	5
STEVE MAXWELL Marconi	5
PETER TSOLAKIS Heidelberg	5
GARY WARD APIA-Leichhardt	5
JOHN MARKOVSKI Sunshine	5
ZARKO ODZAKOV Syd Croatia	5

SWEET REVENGE



**SYDNEY Olympic
ADELAIDE City**

1
0



SYDNEY OLYMPIC, a man short for the last 15 minutes, avenged last year's grand final loss to Adelaide City at St George Stadium.

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

Terry Patalis shot Olympic into the lead in the 63rd minute and then had fellow striker John Kosmina sent off in the 1-0 victory.

The match never reached great heights and Olympic coach Eddie Thomson was far from pleased with the referee.

Thomson was seething over such incidents as in the 65th minute when Olympic substitute, Ema-

nuel Spanoudakis, could have scored with a point blank header: a minute from fulltime when Vicente Estavillo and Joe Mullen clashed in a violent scuffle and Kosmina's red card.

"Spanoudakis' point blank header was punched over the cross-bar by an Adelaide fullback and neither Estavillo nor Mullen were reprimanded," an angry

Thomson said.

Kosmina was marched by referee Rob Davies for allegedly using an elbow.

Sixty seconds from fulltime, Mullen floored Estavillo as the South American midfielder busted down the right flank. Seeing that Mullen wasn't cautioned, a hostile Estavillo bounced up and raced across the field to flatten Mullen.

Adelaide City was greatly handicapped by a sick Charley Villani, who played upfront instead of in the midfield. Villani was suffering badly from a bout of influenza and had difficulty breathing.

Adelaide City's magnificent 37-year-old free back, Buggy Nyskohous said: "We had Charley sick, but many of our players were disappointed. They lacked hunger. This year we have not won two games on the trot.

"Our squad lacks depth and in this match we just did not create enough chances. But overall I felt we should have come away with at least a point."

Olympic's right midfielder, Stuart Johnston, shaved Adelaide's right post as early as the sixth minute and then Mullen, penetrating into Olympic's box in the 15th minute, was denied a goal when goalie Gary Meier flashed off his line to steal possession off the South Australian striker's boot.

Sixty seconds from halftime, Johnston had a magic chance to break the deadlock but his 3m shot cannoned onto Adelaide goalkeeper Willie McNally's leg and bounced out of danger.

Adelaide City's midfield of Sergio Melta, Adrian Santrac and Aurelio Vidmar, were less competitive against a rejuvenated Sydney Olympic "gear-box" of Johnston, Esta-

villo, Andy Harper and Gary Phillips.

A searching 22m Melta drive in the 57th minute through a crowded Olympic box, flashed inches wide of the left post. But Olympic nailed the winner just six minutes later.



ROBERT HOOKER
(Olympic star)

Kosmina collected the ball 45m out, and knocked it wide to the right to pick up overlapping full-back, Emil Dragicevic. The defender cut back a nice ball for Johnston and he in turn squared it to Patalis.

With his back to the target and 12m out on an angle, Patalis spun around and smashed a drive high into the net.

Stars for Olympic were sweeper, Robbie Hooker, left-back Spyros Hantzis, substitutes Spanoudakis and George Haniotis, whilst Adelaide was best served by Nyskohous, stopper, Shillabeer and left-back, Alex Tobin.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Meier: Dragicevic, Coady, Hooker, Hantzis: Johnston, Estavillo, Harper (Spanoudakis 55th), Phillips: Patalis (Haniotis 79th), Kosmina.

ADELAIDE CITY: McNally: Miller, Shillabeer, Nyskohous, Tobin: Melta, Santrac, Vidmar: Vatsilas, Villani, Mullen.

Referee: R.Davies.

Yellow Card: Coady.
Red Card: Kosmina.
Crowd: 2,809.



DESPITE the absence of skipper PETER RASKOPOULOS (left), GARY PHILLIPS (right) and his midfield partners took up the cudgels to go at AdCity.

Photo: MODERN STUDIOS



ASW's photographer Les Shorrock captures the best of the action from the clash at Connor Reserve. At right: RON CAMPBELL (Makedonia) beats Brunswick's MEHMET DURAKOVIC and at left Durakovic gets sweet revenge straight by getting above one of the Preston forwards.

PRESTON LOSES WAY



**PRESTON Makedonia 0
BRUNSWICK Juventus 0**

BY LES SHORROCK



PRESTON Makedonia and Brunswick Juventus fought out a very disappointing scoreless draw at Connor Reserve on Sunday.

The result was all the more frustrating considering that Preston was going for a seventh game in succession without defeat, whilst Brunswick, having scored only one goal — a penalty at that — was determined to start entertaining its supporters again.

That was the pre-match scenario, but in the event what surprised was the way that Preston surrendered the initiative so early in the game.

Is this the real Juventus at last I asked myself, at the same time pinching myself awake, as the Black and Whites kept

sweeping forward with never a back-pass. (Well, almost none).

Brunswick forced six corners in the first twenty minutes alone, but try as Andrew Zinni, Frank McGrellis and Sean Lane did, they couldn't get on target.

Phil Traianides was in superb form in the Preston goal, and at the other end Pat Marama, who has come on in leaps and bounds this year, was equally safe.

Just ask George Petrov. He unleashed a fierce volley from just outside the box that Marama had covered. Then the ball hit a Juve defender and took a wicked deflection in the opposite direction but it didn't trouble big Pat one jot. And to think that when

this lad started off the season he was almost too nervous to take his goal-kicks!

Preston defender Ian Roodhouse did get the ball in the net, but the goal was nullified as offside, as was another for Preston and one for Juventus later.

In the second term, although Preston came more into the game, it was Traianides' turn to star. He made a save from a Scott Patterson rocket that Peter Shilton himself wouldn't have been ashamed of.

In the closing minutes, Goce Dimovski, had the chance of a lifetime when he confronted Marama only metres out.

PRESTON: Traianides, Petrov, Roodhouse (Sifkas 50), Jackson, McLennan, Tacevski, Illoski, Campbell, Dimovski, Stewart, Gojovic.
JUVENTUS: Marama, Durakovic (Fabrizio 75), Lewis, Brown, Yzen-doorn, Incantalupo, Lane, Patterson (Grbac 65th), Zinni, Palataidis, McGrellis.

Referee: Barry Harwood.

Crowd: 2000.

Yellow cards: Lane (Juve) Petrov and Tasevski (Preston).

WILY WALLACE'S WINNER!

BY CON NIKOLOPOULOS



**MELBOURNE Croatia 1
HEIDELBERG Utd. A 0**



A depleted HEIDELBERG United team surrendered to MELBOURNE CROATIA 0-1 in the first game of the double header at Olympic Park on the weekend.

An opportunist goal by former Scottish international Ian Wallace, 13 minutes in the game proved too much for the makeshift Berger team, while it kept intact Croatia's hopes of making the top five.

Wallace tapped the ball into the back of the net after a header to the far post by Paul Lewis following a precision cross by Josip Biskic.

Heidelberg have now slipped dangerously close to the relegation zone, having gone without a win in their last nine games. Their only hope for survival is Sunshine George Cross, currently anchored at the bottom of the championship table.

Heidelberg's fifth defeat for the season was heralded by the loss of key players Steve Marley and Andy Deeley in Shepparton, during the ill-fated game against Marconi. Both players were sent off by referee Robert Marshall for dissent.

Margaritis was compelled to draw on his reserves to fill the vacancies. Claude Lucchesi was recalled and Scott Fraser was posted in the defence as a marker of Ian Wallace.

And while Lucchesi

matched it very evenly with Croatia's leading midfielders Josip Biskic and Branko Milosevic, Scott Fraser experienced tremendous hardship in containing Ian Wallace.

In fact, Wallace got under Fraser's guard in the opening quarter of the game to score the winning goal.

Paul Lewis's pace also proved too much for Socceroo Alan Hunter, until the giant defender realised the danger of giving Lewis space to move.

In stark contrast, Croatia's defence carried out to the letter their plan of blotting out of the game Heidelberg's target men, Peter Tsolakis and Lawrie McKinna.

George Hannah nullified Tsolakis and David McIntosh kept McKinna under tight control throughout the game.

In spite of their problems, Heidelberg deserved a point for their efforts in the second half of the game, during which they besieged Croatia and peppered Runje's goal with some blistering shots from all sorts of angles.

Heidelberg came close to equalising in the 55th minute when Lucchesi blasted a free-kick against

the crossbar.

But twelve minutes later Croatia missed an even better opportunity to wrap the game up.

Referee Bernie Upjohn awarded a controversial penalty against second half substitute Ian McKie, for a foul on Peter Lewis.

Socceroo keeper Jeff Oliver anticipated a powerful shot and deflected the ball against the post and back into play.

Inspired by Oliver's feat, Heidelberg continued

venturing upfield hoping to grab the equaliser. However, Croatia's defence, superbly co-ordinated by Ian Dobson fended off the attacks to preserve the scoreline.

HEIDELBERG UNITED: Oliver, Fraser, Katsakidis, Hunter (McKie 46), Selemidis, Kanayoylis, Anastasiadis, Lucchesi, Valentine (Thodis 83), Tsolakis, McKinna.

MELBOURNE CROATIA: Runje, Hannah, Dobson, McIntosh, Davidson, Heys, Campbell (Herd 65), Milosevic, Biskic, Lewis (Scott 70), Wallace.

CROWD: 5434.

Referee: B. Upjohn (Melbourne).



BRUNSWICK's goalkeeper PAT MARAMA hangs onto the crossbar for dear life after denying a Preston striker. Lurking at the far post is John Yzen-doorn.

JEKYLL AND HYDE SHOW

A HAIL of cans and other weaponry, including a rock, and a sustained volley of abuse was all that greeted Sunshine George Cross coach John Gardiner as he walked dejectedly from Chaplin Reserve last Sunday.

BY GREG BLAKE



**SUNSHINE G.C. 2
St. George 2**



"Gardiner out" was the chant from the Sunshine supporters as their supremo hung his head in bewilderment at his team's Jekyll and Hyde effort against visiting St George.

Relegation-haunted George Cross had sliced St George wide open in the first half of Sunday's encounter to lead 2-0 only to turn in as inept a second half as any they've put in this season.

Saints came back to draw the game 2-2 and darned near snatched a win as they pressed home against a panicking George Cross team in the final 10 minutes.

St George might lack depth, experience and a little ability compared to the likes of title big-shots Apia and Sydney Croatia but what Saints do have is a touch of the Arok inspired 'mad dog' about them.

If St George can make the finals, and it seems at this stage they might, they will give the better credentialled teams a shake.

Saints do not give up. Some of their number possess explosive speed and St George's fitness is impeccable.

On Sunday Saints looked a fresh team after halftime and they didn't stop running until the final whistle.

Sunshine's inspired first half caught St George by surprise and if Arok's team came to defend those notions fell out the window as the home team tore away.



Andrew Marth

With Andrew Marth, first against Kevin Hagan and then Scott Ollerenshaw, leading George Cross from defence the home side scooted away with the catalyst a revitalised

Robert Markovac in his best game since joining the club from Melbourne Croatia.

Markovac's explosive bursts form midfield left St George flat-footed but it was wily Noel Mitten who set up the first George Cross goal after 34 minutes when his delightfully placed long range chip shot had Mike Gibson in all sorts of trouble. Gibson fumbled and John Markovski was on hand to stab home from short range.

Markovski made it 2-0 four minutes later when a driving run from Markovac down the right left three defenders floundering before he swung in a low centre which eluded four men in the box before finding Markovski unmarked on the far post.

St George, with their backs to the wall, came out after halftime with Peter Petkovski on for midfielder George Kulcsar and revenge on their mind.

Alan Pottier was in tremendous form and he capped his display with two vital goals.

With the second half 14 minutes old Pottier put a steaming shot through a sea of legs which left Sean Keogh unsighted until late and despite getting a hand to the shot the ball bobbed in inside the post.

Twelve minutes from time, with Saints in total control, Pottier slammed home a free kick which took a deflection before veering past the unlucky goalkeeper.

As the fans crowded around calling for his blood Gardiner answered with an emphatic "no" when asked if he might be tendering his resignation.

SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS: Keogh, Taylor, Bain, Parton, Marth, Mitten, Inness, Markovac, Trimboil, Clark (Campbell 72), Markovski (McLaren 80).

ST GEORGE: Gibson, Green, Grbevski, O'Shea, O'Connor, Kulcsar (Petkovski ht), Ricoy, Pottier, Fletcher (Illic 74), Hagan, Ollerenshaw.

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ALEX VESIC
reviews the
NSW State
Bank League

The 'Hit-List'

ALAN REIS has all but clinched the title of the top sharp-shooter in the League.

His goal against Uruguayan Penrith has raised his total to 19, six ahead of his nearest challenger Randell Easthorpe of Wollongong.



ALAN REIS

Others to create interest are Marco Perinovic, Roberto Giraldi and David Batten.

WOLVES JUGGERNAUT HALTED

MELITA EAGLES defeated WOLLONGONG CITY Wolves at the Showground last Saturday evening to pave the way for one of the best finishes in the State League in years.

In a dramatic finish to the match City equalised in the last minute but the Eagles hit back almost from the kick-off to take the points.

Canberra Griffins also blundered in the last minute of their match at Bruce Stadium losing a point against an entertaining Uruguayan Penrith. The side from Sydney's west thus becomes a giant killer, disposing of Blacktown City three weeks ago.

Blacktown themselves struggled against Wollongong Macedonia to win by the slenderest of margins and with a game in hand, is back in the running for the title.

Melita has an outside chance of snatching the title but must win all of its three remaining matches including the one against Blacktown City next Sunday at Melita Stadium.

For those who are wondering about relegation, it has also become an interesting battle.

Macedonia will have its hands full to stave off imminent peril. The side will have to pull out all stops if it is to get above Manly and Canterbury and at this stage looks odds-on to go down.

With the Griffins at the top of the table and with a chance of snatching the title, the sides at the bottom of the ladder suddenly have double the worry of relegation. If Canberra wins the title then the side will go to the NSL and another representative side from the ACT will enter the State League of NSW.

That will open the way for two State League clubs to be relegated.

In the meantime the clubs from the fifth to the 11th spot have very little interest in the remainder of the competition apart from the fact that anyone of those clubs could finish in the fifth spot.

Uruguayan Penrith, the side that has emerged as the side to fear in the League look set to take the fifth spot but Warringah Freshwater is another that has done well of late winning four of the last five matches and looking very solid indeed.

Rockdale Ilinden having two matches in hand as well as Inter Monaro could get there.

Blacktown hold on tight, as . . .

LEE IS THE GENERAL

BLACKTOWN CITY Demons kept their slim League title chances alive after beating **WOLLONGONG** Macedonia at the Gabbie with Grant Lee scoring the only goal of the game.

It was not a game for the purists as relegation-bound Wollongong Macedonia came to town looking for one point.

Add this to the fact that the locals failed to make an impression on the well organised visitors defence and it was no great shakes

of a match.

For Macedonia — Ruskin, Sweeney and Muhlbauser played very well indeed at the back and to make matters worse for the Les Schienflug, his defence was left in tatters on quite a few occasions

and should have been punished for it.

Wollongong Macedonia must feel a trifle unlucky not to have gone ahead during the first half

when their players were able to penetrate some feeble defence only to waste valuable opportunities.

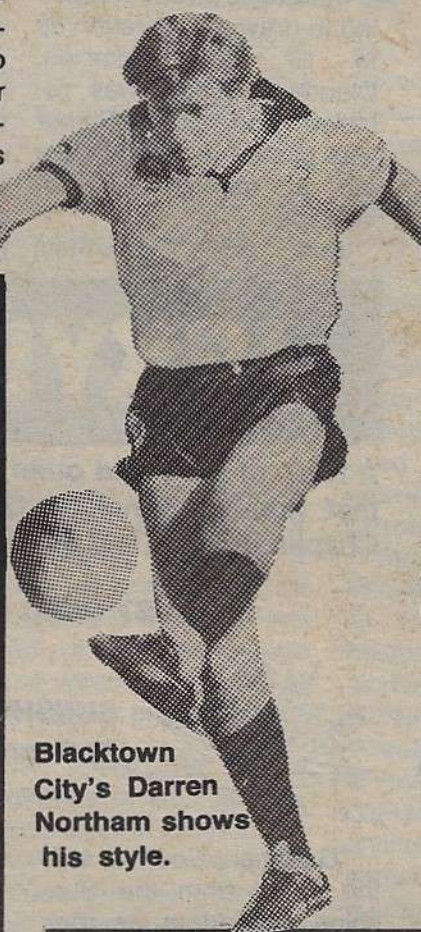
The locals came out firing on all cylinders in the second period and achieved the much needed breakthrough in the 53rd minute. Lee and Paul Kay played a neat one-two to break into the penalty area and the latter was on the spot to beat the advancing keeper.

From then on in, it was a dour struggle with Macedonia opting for Phil Kerr and Paul Kirwan in the closing stages hoping to snatch one point, alas their attack was toothless and the Demons held onto their all-important slender lead.

BLACKTOWN CITY: Watson, Maier, Sterrey, Reynolds, Northam, Denyer, Kay, Byrne, Sandy, Cotton (van Blerk 74), Lee.

WOLLONGONG MACEDONIA: Milenkovski, Muhlbauser, Campbell, Ruskin, Sweeney, Dufkovski, Giraldi (Kerr 77), Allport (Kirwan 85), Gardiner, Popovski, Brown.

Blacktown City's Darren Northam shows his style.



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Queens Park Vs Avala Erskineville Oval
SSC Yugal Vs Nth Syd Artarmon Mona Park
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Kingsford Vs Nth Bankstown Kensington Park

3RD DIVISION

Moorebank Vs Bondi Marine Hammondville Park
Port Hacking Vs King Tomislav Seymour Shaw

SUNDAY 23rd AUGUST

STATE BANK SOCCER LEAGUE

Ku-ring-gai Vs Wollongong City Parklands Oval
Inter Monaro Vs Sutherland Marco Polo Gd
Manly W'gah Vs Newcastle Rosebud Cromer Park
Uruguayan Pen Vs Warringah F/Water Cook Park
Rockdale Vs Canberra City Hurstville Oval
Wollongong Mac Vs Cant M'ville Oly Berkeley S/G
Melita Eagles Vs Blacktown City Melita Stadium

2ND DIVISION

Campbelltown Vs Kingsford Hellenic Lynwood Park
Sydney Maccabi Vs Gladesville Hby Wentworth Park
Dee Why Vs Nth Bankstown Dee Why Oval
Fairy Meadow Vs Polonia Woll Police Boys

3RD DIVISION

Nth Ryde Vs Canterbury Magdala Park
Mt Druitt Vs Granville Chile Popondetta Pk
Baulkham Hills Vs Rooty Hill Ted Horwood Res
West United Vs Campbelltown Harold Read Res
Concordia Vs Uni of NSW Arlington Oval

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WOLVES AT DOOR!

WOLLONGONG City Wolves are still the best bet for the State League title in 1987.

The side from the South Coast will be visiting Parklands to face Ku-Ring-Gai next Sunday, then they'll face Inter Monaro and Manly Warringah in the final two games.

Five points out of the last three matches is well within reach of Wollongong City. With 36 points in the bag that will give them a total of 41.

Canberra City will face Rockdale Ilinden away from home then Wollongong Macedonia at home before going to meet Blacktown City at the Gabbie. Much will depend on the outcome of the game at Hurstville and should Canberra take the points there then at least four points look secure. One against Blacktown would ensure the title.

Blacktown City must win its postponed match against Manly, then subdue Melita at Melita Stadium before accounting for Canterbury at Arlington, before facing the most crucial match of the year at the Gabbie against

Manly let . . .

LOCAL DERBY GET AWAY

WARRINGAH Freshwater were desperately lucky to get away with a 2-1 win over neighbours **MANLY Warringah** at **Graham Reserve** at the weekend.

Robbie Stuart put Manly ahead ten minutes into the second half with a superb volley that screamed into the back of the net.

Martin Driene then headed home an Allan Dean cross after 71 minutes and the scores were locked until Mirko Radosevic knocked in a penalty with just four minutes remaining to secure the two points for Warringah.

WARRINGAH Freshwater: Warren, Cassachia, Gillan, Corrigan, Radosevic, Knight, Campbell, Driene, Porter, Dean, Gale.

MANLY Warringah: Tingle, Dennis, Scstanovich, Pearce, Stuart, A.Williamson, Juergens, Karic, Cimarostli, Hetherington, Ferguson.

Canberra Griffins.

The Demons must win all their matches to win the League.

Melita has only an outside chance to snatching the title and at this stage look capable of raising its own tally to 38 points.

It will be a crunch game between Melita and Blacktown at Melita Stadium next Sunday and I feel that the visitors might find the red and whites a tough nut to crack.

As for the rest of the League; Wollongong Macedonia will face Canterbury next Sunday and that is going to be the one the locals must



MARTIN DRIENE
(Warringah)

win. Then Canberra Griffins away from home and Warringah Freshwater also away from home. Little if no chance at all of escaping since Manly and Canterbury also have a date later in the programme.

Top of the table clash will be at Melita Stadium next week while bottom of the table clash at Wollongong. But the match that will prove the most exciting will be between Uruguayan and Freshwater at Cook Park. Both sides have registered four wins in the last five matches and goals galore will be on the menu.

Ljubo Gojkovic versus his old mate Raul Blanco!



LENNY VIAL
(Melita midfielder)

CANBERRA HIT THE LEAD

BY GRAHAM COOKE

CANBERRA GRIFFINS have hit the top of the NSW State Bank League with three games to play, but there were little signs of celebration among the players in the Bruce Stadium dressing room after their 2-2 draw with Uruguayan Penrith on Sunday.

Several things combined to take the sparkle out of the moment.

Uruguayan equalised in injury-time just when it seemed the Griffins had sealed both points, Jason Dunn was sent off and Steve Bryant collected a fourth yellow card for the season which means he will serve a mandatory one week suspension.

There was plenty in the game for both sets of the supporters — drama, emotion and controversy — the latter largely surrounding the refereeing of Glyn Davies who left the field amid a storm of abuse and jeering from the Griffins supporters.

Davies gave six yellow

cards as well as the send-off and some club officials were bitter in their criticism afterwards, coach Augusto Palacios claiming he had lost control of the game.

The Griffins were stung by a goal early on, Leonel Arcosa trying a 35 metre snap shot which goalkeeper George Economopoulos did not pick up in time as it ripped through the defence.

The equaliser came in the 25th minute when, following a Bryant throw in, the ball was moved forward for top scorer Alan Reis to put away.

The Griffins hit the front two minutes after halftime when Jimmy Fernandez finally tucked the ball away

following a tangle in front of the Uruguayan goal.

As he said afterwards: "I saw Alexis Suarez having a shot and I knew there was going to be a rebound because it was too hard for the goalkeeper to hold."

"I moved in close, got the ball and pushed it back into the net."

"It was one of my best moments since joining the club."

Dunn's send-off, apparently for backchat after he had earlier collected a yellow card, unsettled the Griffins' rhythm, but it seemed as if they had survived until Aytec Genc found the net through a ruck of players with seconds remaining.

While less than com-

plimentary of the refereeing, Palacios had praise for the opposition.

"They were best team we have met in Canberra this season," he said.

"They played well as a team and as individuals and both their goals were good."

"We are on top and there are three games to play."

"We do not have to worry about anyone else's result now — just our own."

CANBERRA Griffins: Economopoulos, Bryant, Mazis, Dunn (sent off 80), Suarez, P.Reis, Junna, Sermani, A.Reis, Gonzales (Willow 46), Fernandez (Nelson 65).

URUGUAYAN Penrith: Hoare, O'Donnell (Calver 73), Thompson, Krslovic, Gonzales, Arcosa, Hunter, Bradley, Benitez, Genc, McKee.

Points shared but . . .

ILINDEN GET ROCKED BY CANTER-BERRIES

CANTERBURY MARRICKVILLE edged away from the relegation zone after an uninspiring draw with **ROCKDALE** Ilinden at **Arlington Oval**.

Neither side showed enough aggression to take the points and in the end both went off the park happily with a point.

Rockdale's midfield with an out-of-form Tortevski and out-of-zest Mitrevski struggled against an enthusiastic but short of confidence Canterbury.

The game came to life in the closing stages when Rockdale missed two openings in front of goal and the last came with two minutes remaining. Pat Rodas raced in from a defensive position and found himself some ten metres from goal and in possession of the ball. His finishing was poor and Chris Hummel breathed a huge sigh

of relief.

For John Radman, Canterbury's caretaker-coach, this was the first point in his new role.

The man who carried Canterbury's defence for most of the season has been on the injured list for some time now and one point against Rockdale Ilinden proved to be a very pleasing one indeed.

Rockdale Ilinden's star-studded line-up, which included Tortevski and Mitrovski of Yugoslav second division fame, as well as Louis Dounis, Alex Bottalico and Mike Boogaard, must be less than satisfied with its effort.

CANTERBURY: Hummel, Vardarakis, Licata, Efthymiades, Zuli, Mirkovski (Marinos), Stamos (George), Perdomo, Arambasic, Kalogeras, Borges.

ROCKDALE ILINDEN: Barker, Boogaard, Rodas, Plovski, J. Wilson, Tortevski (Markovski 46), Mitrovski, Nastoski, Bottalico (Genovese 70), Dounis, Spirovski.

Wolves fall via . . .

CUT AND THRUST FROM MELITA

MELITA EAGLES scored an upset victory at the Wollongong Showground, defeating the Wolves 2-1 in a top of the table clash, as two of the three goals were scored well into injury time.

Despite the fact that some four regulars were missing, including its midfield stars Ray Farrugia and Ean Rodriguez, the Eagles showed the necessary supremacy in midfield with Anthony Wellbourn, Lenny Vial and Andrew Callanan making life difficult for the Wollongong 'engineering department'.

The visitors went ahead after twelve minutes with a goal by Wayne Farnsworth.

The Wollongong defenders blundered as Scott Dickson and Warwick Young all but argued the point as to who should take possession, that was all the invitation Farnsworth needed to race in and pinch the ball to slot away into an empty net.

Jeff Ainsworth was replaced early in the second half by Zivko Hristovski, the robust midfielder, who added much needed zest and verve to the Wolves midfield but if anything, the move proved to be the undoing of the home side.

With 16 minutes to go, Farnsworth challenged Young and was sent off by the referee. The signalled a revival from City as they barnstormed Clint Gosling's goalmouth.

However, the equaliser did not come until well into injury time. In fact it came after 94 minutes. Rade Stefanovski swung over a corner and Randell East-

thorpe poked the ball home. Despite an attempted clearance the goal was awarded.

30 seconds later Melita scored the well deserved winning goal. Pat Brodnik managed to head away a cross from the right and it fell for Hristovski who attempted to kick the ball out of the ground. His feeble attempt landed at the feet of Birol Sertbas who poked it over the head of Young and just under the crossbar.

Tempers flared in the closing stages of this



GREG BROWN
(Melita striker)

match but the referee managed to end this match without further problems.

Alex Robertson and Richard Buchanan were Melita's best players on the day while only David Skeen satisfied for the Wollongong City title contenders.

Melita's hard fought win keeps the race for the title open with Wollongong City still the team with the best chance of winning promotion.

WOLLONGONG CITY: Young, Skeen, Hollifield, Dickson, Morland, Cokely, Giraldo, Ainsworth (Hristovski 48), Brodnik, Easthorpe, Stefanovski.

MELITA EAGLES: Gosling, Cabessi, Williams, Robertson, Buchanan, Wellbourn (Sertbas 70), McFadden, Vial, Brown, Callanan, Farnsworth (sent off 76).
Referee: N. Asargiotis (Sydney)

CHASERS SUBDUE SHARKS

KU-RING-GAI Chasers scored a hat-trick of goals at Seymour Shaw to subdue an enthusiastic Sutherland Shire 3-2 and enter the race for the fifth spot on the table.

After losing five games on the trot without scoring a single goal Ku-Ring-Gai has now managed to take points in their last two matches scoring three goals in each!

Almost from the kick off the visitors showed their intentions by pushing forward and making life difficult for Craig Burchmore. Mark Nile managed to find Glen Jeffery in the 18th minute and the tall striker looked set to score. Alas, Burchmore flung himself at the feet of Jeffery to effect a great save.

Greg Lerond got away on the left flank, raced to the byline then cut back for Daryl Sharpe to head to the far post and Robert O'Shea raced in to score.

Only a minute later Sutherland looked set to go two up when a through ball by Lerond found Lacey and Hill competing. Craig Hill was quicker to take possession but was forced wide by the keeper. His eventual shot from a difficult angle hit the side netting but it must be registered as a chance missed.

Sutherland was to rue that miss a few minutes later as Jeffery rose high to meet a Goldsworthy cross then nod on for Mike Berry to slam home a close range effort.

Alan Bourke rose to head a corner kick from the right hand side in the 51st. He found Camburn on the right and the youngster fought hard to find his way to the byline before crossing hard into the penalty area. Pursued by Nile and Bass, Robbie Sellar slammed the ball high into the roof of his own net to give visitors their lead.

Seven minutes later and following a free kick by John O'Shea the home team equalised through Sharpe.

A long throw by Alan Bourke in the 69th saw Craig Bass provide the header for an eventual winner through Mark Nile. He just managed to get his toe to the ball and it sailed over the head of Burchmore and into the net.

Sutherland applied pressure in the closing 20 minutes but the visitors lasted the distance to take the points.

SUTHERLAND: Burchmore, R.O'Shea, Terry, Sellar, Nelson, J.O'Shea, Meades, Parsons, Lerond, Hill, Sharpe.

KU-RING-GAI: Lacey, Kevern, Goldsworthy, Bass, Bourke, Campbell, Sutherland, Camburn (75th Quigley), Berry, Jeffery, Nile.



GLEN JEFFERY
(Ku-ring-gai)

SPOILS SHARED

NEWCASTLE and INTER MONARO shared the points for the second time this season, with the former at least being able to boast that they have not been beaten by the Queenbeyan side in the NSW State League or the NSL.

The locals adapted to the wet conditions better during the first period and dominated play for most of this half.

When in possession, Monaro failed to hold onto the ball and were punished for it.

A long clearance from Inter's defence found David Bowen, who in turn cleared to John Cavanah who found Scott Baillie and the youngster had little problem in finding the net with 28 minutes gone.

The visitors replied after 55 minutes through Colbertaldo. And yet again it was from a corner kick. Newcastle have conceded some seven goals out of the last ten from corner kicks and history repeated itself when Sebastian Giampaolo headed down a corner kick to Colbertaldo who netted.

Six minutes later the visitors almost scored again after Giampaolo beat two players to face Craig Grills. It looked curtains for the locals as Giampaolo struck the ball, alas it deflected off Grills and just wide of the post.

Further play produced little if no opportunities for scoring and the only notable incident was in the 71st minute when the referee, Jim Reeves fell to the ground after an injury. He was replaced by the linesman and Ernie Lamb the Newcastle Club secretary took the line duties.

Both sides were well satisfied with the draw which keeps them in a healthy middle of the table position. For Newcastle this was a very pleasing result with the youngest team in the League, while Monaro could be well pleased after a disastrous start to the season.

NEWCASTLE: Grills, Milosevic, Roberts, Bowen, Mountford, Baillie, Gresham, Rowney (McGuinness 75), Cavanah, Bland, Caisley.

INTER MONARO: Notaras, Domazetovic, Gaggetti, Solar, Arthur, B.Monterosso (Janke 46), Blanch, Panebianco, Perinovic, Colbertaldo, Giampaolo.
Referee: J.Reeves (Newcastle).

The NSW State League

Tables and Results

CANBERRA City	23	16	4	3	48	18	36
WOLLONGONG City	23	17	2	4	49	27	36
BLACKTOWN City	22	16	1	5	50	16	33
MELITA Eagles	23	14	5	4	47	28	33
URUGUAYAN Penrith	23	9	4	10	42	40	22
SUTHERLAND Shire	23	7	7	9	27	33	21
WARRINGAH Freshwater	23	9	2	12	25	31	20
ROCKDALE Ilinden	21	8	3	10	32	27	19
KU-RING-GAI	23	7	5	11	27	33	19
NEWCASTLE	23	8	3	12	34	42	19
INTER MONARO	21	6	6	9	40	49	18
CANTERBURY	22	4	6	12	20	52	14
MANLY WARR.	20	5	2	13	15	38	12
W'GONG MACE	22	2	6	14	16	38	10

NEWCASTLE Rosebud 1 (Baillie) INTER Monaro 1 (Colbertaldo)
WOLLONGONG City 1 (Easthorpe) MELITA Eagles 2 (Farnsworth, Sertbas)
SUTHERLAND Shire 2 (R.O'Shea, Sharpe) KU-RING-GAI 3 (Berry, Sellar og, Nile)
WARRINGAH Freshwater 2 MANLY Warringah 1
CANBERRA Griffins 2 (A.Reis, Fernandez) URUGUAY Penrith 2 (Arcosa, Genc)
CANTERBURY Marrickville 0 ROCKDALE Ilinden 0
BLACKTOWN City 1 (Lee) WOLLONGONG Macedonia 0

The NSW Top Scorers

19. Reis (Canberra)
13. Easthorpe (Wollongong City)
11. Perinovic (Inter Monaro), Giraldo (WC), Batten (Uruguayan Penrith)
9. Giampaolo (IM), Bottalico (RI), Jeffery (K), G.Brown (ME)
8. Kay, Reynolds (BC), Fernandez (IM), Rodriguez, Vial (ME), Caisley (N), McKie (UP)
7. Ainsworth, Brodnik (WC), Dounis (RI), Genc (UP)
6. Penfold, N.Drysdale (N), Lee (BC).



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CROYDON LIFELINE

BY VLADO VLAHOVIC

THE point that Croydon gained as a result of this goalless draw at Morwell could eventually prove to be a lifesaver, as far as the champion's State League status is concerned.

But whilst Croydon could have left the Crinigan Reserve in a contented state of mind, they left behind a different atmosphere at Morwell.

Morwell coach Dave O'Connor told his committee last week that he intends to resign when his contract expires at the end of the season. Connor feels he needs new challenge, preferably at a higher level.

However, the coach's shock announcement didn't spur his players to lift their game as an inducement to stay.

On the contrary, they spent most of the first half back-peddalling in the face of incessant attacks from a team intent on preservation.

Only a brilliant save by Romeo Prezioso from Croydon winger Alex Livingstone enabled Falcons to go in for the interval on terms.

Falcons showed much more initiative in the second half, with chances falling to Stan Webster, but the striker was woefully off target.

In the closing stages it was Croydon's turn to rue missed chances.

Jimmy Nelson fired wide from less than ten metres, and then frustratingly, Dave Brogan hit the crossbar with Prezioso well beaten.

After the game, Croydon coach Miron Bleiberg, never at a loss for a word, was not unhappy.

"The overall standard was high," he said, "and

there was good entertainment. I think both teams deserve a high place in the table on today's performance. I am happy with the point because every point from now on is important in the struggle against re-

legation."

MORWELL FALCONS: Prezioso, M.Cassar, Clarke, Tutill, Bruns, Doyle, E.Cassar, O'Callaghan, Webster, A.Cassar (Wilson 75th), Sostak (Bezzina 80th).

CROYDON: Waterman, Brown, Beech, Tansey, O'Reilly, Redmond, Nelson, Brack, van Egmond (French 60th), Livingstone, Brogan.

SAFETY FOREMOST FOR NORTHCOTE

NORTHCOTE City, by drawing 1-1, edged a little closer to safety at Springvale City's expense on Sunday.

Springvale dominated from the start, and a goal seemed inevitable. But Northcote managed to hang on, and gradually began to get on terms.

The two teams went in at half-time still deadlocked and scoreless. Two minutes after the restart, a mixup in the Springvale defence presented Northcote with a gift goal. Springvale's midfielder Kevin Swinscoe and his goalkeeper, Dennis Boland went up for a ball together, collided and allowed the ball to roll to Peter Constantinou who gleefully thumped it into the net.

Springvale pressed forward urgently in search of an equaliser, but had to wait until the 65th minute for it. It wasn't too convincing an affair either, as Greg House stabbed the ball home following a goal-mouth scramble.

But Northcote could count themselves very unlucky that they didn't score the winner ten minutes

from the end. Their striker, Jim Temos found himself in the clear, did everything right by eluding keeper Dennis Boland and then pushing the ball towards the unguarded net, only to see Jim Williams arrive out of the blue to scoop the ball off the goal-line.

That was the end of the action for the day, and although Springvale looked the more stylish, credit has to be given to Northcote for sticking undaunted to their task.

SPRINGVALE: Boland, Rolleman, Kral, Williams, Bissinger, Swinscoe, Bannon, Stewart, Hennessy, House, Morrey.

NORTHCOTE CITY: Giannopoulos, Leonardos, Bekiaris, Patinotis, Kouremenos, Small, Toro, Ramos, Tsanger, Constantinou, Temos.

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VICTORIAN State League. JOHN GRIMAUD and BILLY ROMANEVSKI go after Caulfield's ANDY THEOHAROUS.
Photo Les Shorrock.

FAWKNER'S SETBACK

WESTERN Suburbs probably put paid to Fawkner's title hopes with a hard fought 1-1 draw at Ralph Reserve on Sunday.

In the seven weeks since ex-Sunshine goalkeeper Billy Johnson took over as caretaker-coach, Wests have improved dramatically, thanks in no small measure to the arrival of

ex-Wrexham striker Andy Edwards who came virtually gift wrapped from neighbouring NSL club George Cross.

Edwards, who for some inexplicable reason was unable to get a game at Georgie, despite having scored 18 goals in 80 English League games, has struck up a lethal partnership with Darren Tuck and this week it was Tuck's

turn to sink the opposition's hopes with an equaliser three minutes from full time.

It was no more than Tuck deserved. He had peppered the Fawkner goal throughout the first half, revelling in the freedom he found as Fawkner concentrated on keeping Edwards quiet.

Only a brilliant display by Richard Wilson in the Fawkner goal kept Wests at bay during the first hour and when Fawkner took the lead in the 80th minute, Billy Johnson must have felt there was no justice.

Ian Tuffield got his head

to a cross from the right, and headed towards Dougie Brown. His powerful header was only parried by Spiros Kardamitsis to Robert Ferla who pushed the ball home from close in.

But seven minutes later Tuck cut short the Fawkner euphoria and Johnson was at peace with the world again.

WESTERN SUBURBS: Kardamitsis, McLeod, Hamill, Dimovski, Esposito, Cullen, Stefanidis, Koutouris, Tuck, Edwards, Minh Cotsanis (88th).

FAWKNER: Wilson, Ferla, Bordignon, Fattore, Schiappano, Sabatino, Orlando, Palinkas Chlavell (88th), Verechia, Tuffield, Brown, Stenson.

GREEN GULLY GONE

BY LES SHORROCK

CAULFIELD City just about eliminated Green Gully from the championship with a well earned 2-1 victory last Saturday.

If NSL games provided only half the excitement that this game did, there wouldn't be any crisis or need for panic moves to bring back the crowds.

On a bitterly cold, dark, winter's day at Caulfield's bleak, windswept Princes Park, these two teams fought out a no-holds-barred pitched battle that warmed the cockles of the heart.

And full marks to Caulfield too. I've watched them a lot this season, because they play on Saturdays and they've finally convinced me they have plenty to offer.

On Saturday they came from behind, something I thought they weren't capable of and which demonstrated how much the team has matured since it climbed into the State League two seasons ago.

Even though it seems to have left its championship run a little late, and even though it has been knocked out of the Dockerty Cup this year, its hard-working committee can feel extremely pleased with the team. And so should the VSF, because Caulfield and Fawkner will add an extra dimension to a Final Four competition that had at first looked like a two club affair between Gully and Polonia.

Wily coach Takis Svingos seems to have got the blend right at last, and probably the most important factor in his team building was the arrival of Con Pappas from Heidelberg.

In his few weeks at Caulfield, Pappas has revitalised an attack that was as liable to go sideways as forward at one time with his directness and dash.

And at the back, Caulfield has the best defensive pairing in the League in Paul Harris and Angie Koutos.

These two are virtually impassable in the air, as Green Gully and many other teams have found to their cost. Also, Paul Harris has proved invaluable as a captain, with his commanding presence and experience. Caulfield might have a hard task hanging on to Harris for next season.

Caulfield set Gully back on its heels early in the game when it seized the initiative despite facing a stiff breeze.

Nick Deligiannis should have put Caulfield ahead as early as the 10th minute, when he found himself all alone in the six yard box. The Gully defenders had stopped, anticipating the offside flag, Deligiannis couldn't believe his luck and muffed the chance.

Then Gully took the lead at the 31 minute mark. Full-back Steven Douglas won a loose ball, shrugged his way past two defenders, and thanks to a deflection off a defender, presented big Joe Sweeney with a tap-in for his 12th goal of the season.

Gully usually goes on to win from a position like that, but Caulfield wasn't in the slightest daunted, and pestered the Gully defence into a rare mistake, letting Pappas through for the equaliser right on half-time.

As the second half wore on, it became increasingly obvious that only one team was going to win and roared on from the rear by the tireless Harris, Caulfield did just that.

Deligiannis made up for his earlier mistake when he ran at goalkeeper Lou Denys who somehow let the ball rebound from his legs and the forward scrambled the ball past him. Green Gully never recovered.

CAULFIELD CITY: Madjer, Bitsonis, Michell, Harris, Koutos, Theoharous, Hamaklitis, Delligiannis, Taitiridis (77th), Filipou, Pappas, Abraam Griffin (33rd).

GREEN GULLY: Denys, Hogben, McClelland, Cannell, Grimaud, Romanevski, Spiteri (68th), Carter, Douglas, Ward, Sweeney, Sweeney, Zemunik (68th).

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POLONIA WERE SO RELAXED

BY VLADO VLAHOVIC

TOP of the table Polonia Maribyrnong stumbled to an unimpressive 1-0 victory over bottom side and relegation-doomed Broadmeadows in one of the worst games you would never want to see.

It was obvious Polonia relaxed during the game due to Caulfield defeating Green Gully the day before.

This left Polonia three points clear with easy-beats Broadmeadows to face. At least that was the way it seemed to approach the match.

Its task seemed to be so simple. It was merely a matter of beating a bottom side without trying too hard and possibly risk injury in the process.

In the event the plan worked only too well, with a Broadmeadows defender being obliging enough to score the vital goal.

The goal gave Polonia a five point lead, a seemingly unassailable position, but it was poor consolation for the spectators.

In fact, one spectator was moved to remark that it was the worst game he had the misfortune to watch in 25 years.

There were two highlights briefly worth mentioning. Broadmeadows shot a free-kick from thirty yards which deflected off a Polonia defender's back and onto the crossbar.

Finally, Polonia striker Kees Storm found himself in a one-on-one situation with Broadmeadows goalie Ramazon Ereumer, who dived to smother his attempt.

That was just about all the action both teams could muster in 90 minutes of soccer, hardly enough to keep the most fervent supporters satisfied.

POLONIA: Kostazewa, Liplarski, Smolerek, Bennett, Kotzamicchalis, Lakic, Nelson, Czaplak, Wycislak, Flavell (Marshall 35th), Storm.
BROADMEADOWS: Ereumer, Smart, D.Blair, Donaldson, S.Blair, Vizzi, ni, Williams, Cianter, Nolan, Kosteas.

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ST ALBANS WERE BOXED IN

BY VLADO VLAHOVIC

ST ALBANS suffered a setback to its quest for a final four berth as it managed only a 1-1 draw against Box Hill at home.

Box Hill showed all the initiative in the first half and it came as no surprise when it went ahead in the 42nd minute.

When the Hillmen forced a corner, St Albans goalie Mate Grgic punched weakly and the ball fell to midfielder Barry Burton, who had no difficulty in putting it away.

St.Albans coach Tony Vrzina gave his players a stern lecture at half-time, reminding them of their obligation to do their best, and there was a distinct improvement as the second half got under way.

The lecture could have born fruit almost straight away, as striker Zeljko Gagula shook off his marker and hit a splendid shot on the turn.

The ball hit the post, ricocheted across to the other, and rolled agonisingly along the goal-line to be finally cleared away.

Soon after this close miss, Gagula controlled the ball well to shoot hard and low and beat the Box Hill keeper John McKinlay from just inside the box.

The State's leading goalscorer Dennis Morovic had two of their only

chances early on, with a header over the bar in the fourth minute and a volley into the side netting off a corner.

Box Hill had a great chance to make it 2-0 on the half hour with McBride's diving header from a Campbell cross but it veered a foot wide of target.

After that St.Albans be-

gan to dominate by lifting their work rate much to the pleasure of their coach, but they didn't threaten the Box Hill goal as much as they should have.

ST.ALBANS: Grgic, Runje, Dragovic, Krajacic, Collina, Rastocic (Kelic 75th), Duzel, B.Culina, Kuzman, Gagula, Morovic.

BOX HILL: McKinlay, Carter, Roodhouse, Herd, McMillan, Davidson, Barton, Hennessey, Brimmer (Mori 80th), McBride, Campbell.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Maribyrnong.....	23	15	5	3	37	22	35
Caulfield City.....	23	11	8	4	34	20	30
Green Gully.....	23	10	10	3	34	23	30
Fawkner.....	22	11	6	5	32	21	28
St. Albans.....	22	10	8	4	30	22	28
Thomastown.....	22	8	8	6	25	28	24
Western Suburbs.....	23	9	5	9	35	33	23
Morwell Falcons.....	23	6	10	7	25	23	22
Box Hill.....	22	6	8	8	29	22	20
Springvale City.....	22	5	10	7	24	26	20
Oakleigh.....	22	8	2	12	32	35	18
Croydon City.....	21	3	11	7	17	27	17
Frankston Pines.....	22	6	4	12	29	40	16
Northcote City.....	22	5	5	12	19	39	15
Broadmeadows.....	22	3	2	17	19	45	8

POLONIA 1 (o.g) BROADMEADOWS 0.

WESTERN SUBURBS 1 (Tuck) FAWKNER 1 (Ferla).

SPRINGVALE CITY 1 (House) NORTHCOTE CITY 1 (Constantinou).

BOX HILL 1 (Burton) ST.ALBANS 1 (Gagula).

THOMASTOWN 3 (Coyle 2, McGuinness) OAKLEIGH 2 (Andriotis 2)

CAULFIELD CITY 2 (Pappas, Deligiannis) GREEN GULLY 1 (Sweeney)

MORWELL FALCONS 0 CROYDON CITY 0.

AIS 7 (Koch 2, Welch 2, Edwards, Foster, Healey) FRANKSTON PINES 0.

Leading goalscorers: 15 Morovic (St.Albans), 12 Sweeney (Green Gully), 9 D.Brown and I.Tuffield (Fawkner), G.Warszawski (Polonia), 8 A.Dick (Oakleigh inc. 3 for Pines) G.House, (Springvale), R.McGuinness (Thomastown), K.Storm (Polonia), 7 C.Bekiaris (Northcote) S.Irvine (Oakleigh), P.Kadlecik (Broadmeadows).

AIS FLY HIGH

THE high flying super-kids of the AIS continued their virtual domination of the State League with a 7-0 drubbing of a hapless Frankston Pines at Bruce Stadium on Saturday night.

The rout started in the 20th minute when powerful midfielder John Koch put away a rebound and striker Paul Walsh headed home a cross to send the AIS in for the interval 2-0 up.

The slaughter continued two minutes after the break, when a long clearance from the AIS keeper found forward Paul Foster who fired home from 20m.

In the 71st minute Foster and Walsh waltzed their way through the Pines defence, Foster hitting the post and Walsh banging home the rebound.

The roof had fallen in for Pines by then, but worse was to follow.

John Koch, seeing Pines keeper Branko Radov off his line, let loose a piledriver from 30m that beat the keeper all ends up and scraped in under the crossbar.

Then to add insult to injury, even defender David Healey got into the act, with a long run down and a shot that bounced over Radov's arms for goal no 6.

Elegant midfielder Alis-tair Edwards completed the slaughter four minutes from the end after combining well with Paul Foster.

AIS: Moller, Healey, Cummings Mills 10th), C.Foster, Horvat 45th), Riddell, Gibson, Polak, Koch, P.Foster, Edwards, Walsh.

PINES: Radov, Thurlow, McDonough, Park, Bozic, Paulding, Riley, Parker 30th), Bentley, Wilson, Bingham, Lewis.

POLONIA'S HURDLES

BY LES SHORROCK

POLONIA increased its lead in the Victorian State League to a comfortable five points with only five rounds remaining, but don't break out the champagne yet, boys.

Polonia still has two massive hurdles to negotiate before it can celebrate namely the games at St.Albans this Sunday and the one with Caulfield City a fortnight later.

Caulfield cannot be written off, just ask Green Gully. It has come out of nowhere to be in a position to virtually decide the championship, and on last week's form could win it, provided of course that St.Albans beats Polonia this week.

The relegation question too could be settled this weekend, as Northcote travels to Green Gully and Frankston Pines faces a difficult task against the vastly improved Western Suburbs.

This week's games: **SATURDAY:** Caulfield City v AIS, Oakleigh v Springvale City.
SUNDAY: St.Albans v Polonia, Frankston Pines v Western Suburbs, Croydon City v Thomastown, Broadmeadows v Thomastown, Fawkner v Box Hill, Green Gully v Northcote City.



CAULFIELD's keeper ROBERT MADJER saves from DANNY WARD (14) and JOE SWEENEY (9).

Photo Les Shorrock.

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VIC LEAGUE DIV 2

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VIC LEAGUE DIV 3

SATURDAY AUGUST 22nd RD 22
Moorabbin City v Port Melbourne, Moreland Park Rangers v Clarinda, Keilor v Geelong, Bell Park v Corio-Geelong United, Ferntree Gully v Rosanna, West Brunswick v Springvale United, Yallourn v Yarraville.

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A special thanks to organiser Faye Kirsty and those Saints who put so much into the occasion not the least of whom was Saints long time supporter, comedian Brian Doyle.

My one wish is that Saints' innovative gesture is noted and copied by other clubs and the Australian Soccer Federation in creating some tradition for the game in this country . . .



Old team mates: Left to right back row — brother Ross, brother Geoff, Joe Lorik, Jimmy Fraser, Peter Stone, Noddy Alston, Rale Rasic, Graham Clarke.
Front: Atli Abonyi, John Watkiss, George Harris and Nick Sokoloff.



Saints' and Winfield Soccer boss Frank Arok with former Saints and Soccer star Adrian "Noddy" Alston . . .



Canberra City Old Boys team mate, secretary of the Department of Aboriginal Affairs, ASF vice president, Australian Indoor Soccer vice president Charles Perkins with deputy chairman of the West End National Soccer League and Marconi president Tony Labbozzetta.



Biggest thanks to my family (left to right) Nola, Ross, Marge, Geoff, Vic, Rebecca and Shannon



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Federal MP for Barton and longtime Saints fan Gary Punch with Saints president Alex Pongrass



Australian Soccer Weekly and Foreign Language Publications John Economos with Sydney "Sun" journalist David Jack

KEEN MELITA STAR

NEW ZEALAND HONOURS POSSIBLE FOR BROWN

BY PAUL MOON

GREG Brown's consistent goalscoring this season, which has been instrumental in keeping Melita Eagles close to the action for New South Wales State Bank League honors, extends his record as a reliable net finder built up in England and New Zealand.

After a short stint with Manchester United as an amateur youth player, the solidly built central striker served Mossley and Hyde United in the Northern Premier League (now known as the Multipart League and, effectively, the English League's sixth division). With them he averaged a goal every second game.

In 1985, Brown was recruited by struggling New Zealand National League club Napier City Rovers. When he arrived in the Hawkes Bay, Rovers were anchored at the bottom of the table with just one point from nine games.

The newcomer sparked a revival, scoring 11 goals in 14 appearances during which Napier lost only five games, but it was not sufficient to prevent relegation.

However, considerable compensation was gained by a triumph in the Chatham Cup, New Zealand Soccer's premier knockout competition.

In the final against North Shore United, Brown was outstanding. Constantly stretching the North Shore defence, he scored the match-clinching goal and deservedly carried off the Jack Batty Memorial Cup, which is awarded to the final's "Man of the Match".

The Lancastrian maintained his prolific goal poaching during the first half of the following season.

Now in the colors of National Mutual Miramar Rangers, he swept his latest club to the top of the National League with 14 goals in the first 12 matches.

Sadly, Brown went "off the boil" as the campaign approached its crucial period. He notched just a single strike from the last ten games and Rangers were pipped by one point for the championship.

Still, the telecommunications technician seemed the logical choice to spearhead New Zealand's attack against Australia in the inaugural Winfield Trans Tasman Cup games at the end of 1986.

Brown had made his All Whites debut against the touring USSR Select earlier in the year and faced the Soviets four times during a five match series.

He impressed as a player who looked capable of establishing himself at international level in the very near future.

The Miramar striker was duly included in the provisional squad to prepare for the Socceroos games, only to be discarded when the New Zealand Football Association realised that he would not be eligible for Kiwi citizenship until February, 1987.

Soon afterwards, Brown joined Melita. Although subsequently overlooked by New Zealand national team coach Kevin Fallon, he has, at 24 years of age, every right to retain international aspirations.

AZURE EYES LOOK TO NSL BIRTH

AZZURRI Brisbane City, who only three months ago declared a non-interest in playing NSL next year, are back in the promotion race.

The club has done a major about face following an 11-match unbeaten run which taken them from mid-table mediocrity to strong fancies for the league and grand final double.

But the club's hopes of getting back into the NSL could hinge on their ability to convince the NSL to accept a repayment plan for a considerable five figure debt owed to the league.

The debt was accrued during the club's last few years in the NSL before they were relegated last season.

"We have a debt and our committee had addressed it. We will be submitted a plan of repayment to the league later this year," said club secretary John Ponturo.

Ponturo, who is part of a new committee which took over mid-season, also admitted the club's extended run of form in the XXXX League had promoted the change of mind over NSL promotion.

"When the new committee took over we did not think it was feasibly possible for us to win the league and gain a place in the promotion play-offs. We decided then that the best thing to do was to build for a 1989 re-entry," Ponturo said.

"It was a case of walking before we ran. But things seem to be up and running now and if we are given the opportunity of getting back into the NSL next year, then we will give it a go."

Much of City's revival can be attributed to new coach Juan Cutillas, who finally has the club's players believing in themselves. Through shrewd positional reshuffling, he has hit on a combination which a fortnight ago outplayed Lions to win 2-1.

"If we had not had such a bad start to the season, we could be leading the competition. To win now we have to rely on other results," Cutillas said.

Cutillas, a former Atletico Madrid player and Philippines National coach, makes no secret that he dearly would love to coach a national league side. And he has even hinted that if the opportunity does not arise in Brisbane soon, he may head south looking for an appointment.



FORMER national team goalkeeper **TERRY GREEDY** (right) with a group of keen young players at his school holiday camp. These were held in Sydney at Sutherland and Blacktown, and were sponsored by Dafco World Sports. The list of coaches included stars Abbas Saad, Steve O'Connor, Richie Williams, George Kulcsar, Robbie Slater, Andy Koczka, Graham Jennings and Alex Bundalo.

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MIKE O'Shea again, getting to grips with Olympic's Stuart Johnston.

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APIA versus MEL

APIA Leichhardt

HISTORY IN THE MAKING?

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

WILL APIA Leichhardt enter the record books as the first team in the history of the National Soccer League to win the championship undefeated?

AFTER last Sunday's battle against Italian rivals Marconi, Apia has built up a seven point break over their nearest rivals and have gone 17 games without defeat.

APIA's CARD

Apia's record now reads:

Played 17, won 10, drawn 7, scored 26, conceded 12, collected 27 points.

Apia's remaining seven opponents are:

Melbourne Croatia, Sydney Olympic, Sunshine George Cross, Preston, South Melbourne, Sydney Croatia and Brunswick Juventus.

NEITHER injuries or suspensions have stopped Apia on their march for the title.

RASIC

The man largely responsible for Apia's success in the NSL.

He said last night: "Only one team can win or lose the championship and that is Apia."

"Our 2-0 win over Marconi was a giant step forward for the title, but mathematically, there are seven matches left."

"We are playing for the championship, step by step."

"We are also hoping now to go through undefeated."

"If you can go 17 matches without defeat, theoretically one should be able to manage another seven good results."

"Apia looked champions at Marconi."

Butler Best

"Terry Butler, our oldest player and club's longest serving member, was superb," said Rasic.

"Terry is just one of those rare and special players that any club longs to have on its books."

"This Sunday we face Melbourne Croatia, and although they have not been consistent this year, they have the ability to upset anybody."

"Players of the calibre of Ian Wallace, Paul Lewis, Alan Davidson and Robbie Dunn are highly regarded material," Rasic said.

Rasic was quick to point out the part Apia chairman Joe Prestia has played this year.

"Joe is a tough businessman and he's the same in soccer."

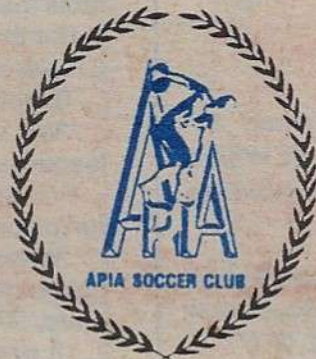
"This man has made enormous contributions to Apia's success."

For Sunday's clash against Melbourne Croatia at Lambert Park, Apia has no problems with either injuries or suspensions.

Important linkman, midfielder, Alex Bundalo, although suffering from slight pelvic problems, will be fit enough to play.

APIA-LEICHHARDT 1987

BACK ROW: J. Mirigliani (Masseur), V. Bozanic, G. Ward, R. Brown, T. Greedy, T. Pezzano, E. Lorens, A. Parlson, M. Brady. MIDDLE ROW: R. Rasic (Coach), C. Yankos, J.P. De Marigny, P. Katholos, L. Djordjieski, A. Bundalo, P. Tredinnick, M. Urukalo (Asst. Coach). FRONT ROW: M. Brown, A. Bertogna, R. Orsati (Manager), J. Prestia (Chairman), S. Zappia (Vice-chairman), B. Zajml, T. Butler.



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CAPTAIN'S WARNING

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

ARNO BERTOGNA, Apia's centre back and captain, said some weeks ago: "Even when we are not playing to our capacity, we are still picking up points."

"To me that is the sign of a good team."

Bertogna and his centre back partner Charlie Yankos forms the steel of the Apia backline and have made life difficult for opposition strikers.

Conceding a meagre 12 goals in 17 league matches, provides a statistic which proves just how tough this Apia backline is.

Bertogna, formerly from Western Australia, spent time in England years ago with Sheffield United.

Such exposure to the British professional scene enabled Arno to quickly absorb invaluable experience that has stood both him and Apia in good stead today.

Meanwhile, a more jovial Yankos, Bertogna's uncompromising partner said: "We are in front, and there we will stay."

APIA's Dragnet

When most NSL clubs at the end of last season looked forward to a well earned rest, Apia moved swiftly to rebuild.

Feelers went out and a dragnet was formed around the states.

Prize signings were Gary Ward, Burim Zajmi, Charlie Yankos, Terry Greedy, Peter Katholos, Jean Paul de Marigny, Peter Tredinnick and Rod Brown.

Apia had made excellent catches and were now ready to hook the championship.

There's nothing fishy about how Apia has emerged from the deep and ride the crest of a wave.

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APIA — HONOURS OVER THE YEARS

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THERE'S NEVER A DULL MOMENT

Says Tom McKain

The referees have been in the news again, including one of our top whistlers, SA FIFA man-in-black Donald Campbell.

And to get the full impact of the story, one has to turn the clock back to the Marconi v Sydney Croatia match when Victorian ref Sam Zoumas was accused of having a horrendous game and was attacked by a spectator.

The latter was arrested. Well, Zoumas was allocated the recent Adelaide City v Melbourne Croatia game, but when the NSL suspended him for the rest of the season, they appointed Campbell.

Not one to be harassed by players, or dictated to by anyone, Campbell flashed three yellow cards at the Croatian players.

Now a man whom I regard as a Soccer friend and respect as a player and now a coach, Peter Ollerton, was subjected to one of those right-after-

the-match interviews on SBS.

Or rather, he allowed himself to be subjected to the interview.

And while not going off his rocker about the refereeing, inferred a home

town bias and talked about the number of penalties in previous games Croatia had been denied and hinted his team had perhaps been "robbed".

Unfortunately for the likeable "Ollie", the SBS

clips showed both penalties awarded by Campbell were indeed penalties.

And if the other incidents which brought cards, we're referring to the two not involving Alan Davidson, we think fans would agree they were also justified.

The Davidson case was rather unique.

To most spectators and media men he was booked for dissent after bringing City's Joe Mullen down in the box.

But that was not the case.

Davidson, as we saw on the tube, spoke to Campbell after the whistler awarded the penalty.

"Donald, I tripped him outside the box," he said, according to our information.

"Sorry son, it was inside," said Campbell who admitted later that in the excitement of the moment he forgot to book Davidson until he said the word "tripped".

That is a deliberate foul, and hence the yellow card.



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QUEENSLAND IN THE COLD

THE Queensland Soccer Federation has fired a broadside at their Victorian counterparts over a late vote change at this month's ASF executive meeting.

The Victorian Soccer Federation sided with the NSL and South Australia to reject the QSF's pro-

posal for the NSL play-off series and a back a system of home and away ties.

The VSF earlier had worked with the QSF in

formulating a plan to stage the match in one venue and had indicated its support for the idea.

"I do not deny any state the right to change its vote but it could have at least told us rather than leaving us in a very embarrassing position in the meeting," said QSF executive director Alan Vessey.

Under the system now adopted for the play-offs, the state champions from Queensland, Victoria and South Australia will play each other home and away with the winners of the series going into the 1988 NSL.

But as the Victorian State League does not conclude until late September and its finals nearly a month after that, the NSL play-offs may not get underway until possibly the last weekend in October.

The six-match series will take at least three weekends to complete.

"What if there is a tie at the end of that. Will they play over Christmas?" Vessey said.

Under the QSF proposal the team would meet in one centre and play three double headers on the Sunday, Wednesday night and Sunday of one week, with a replay if necessary the following Wednesday. The first venue would have been decided by a draw and the order of rotation around the states in ensuing years

decided by further draws.

"I believe it was the fairest and most timely and cost efficient way we could have gone," Vessey said.

While the NSL argued that any club which could not afford to pay its way in the home and away series (each team meets its own airfares and accommodation but keeps it home gates), Vessey countered that that was not the issue.

"What we should have been deciding is not whether clubs can afford to play in the NSL but we should have been working out a long term system that could have been put into place and become standard for each future year," he said.

"If the QSF proposal had been adopted, clubs could have budgeted well in advance, knowing where the promotion play-offs series would be held. And unless the NSL sits down very quickly and comes up with a detailed set of rules to cover every possible outcome from the home and away series then they are risking confusion and controversy."

target now that a top four position has gone.

Milovanovic has made similar claims, and although he has been using the last few rounds to blood youngsters, he certainly will have his best side on the park this weekend. And that will include Fijian midfield sensation, Cheetha Vosuga and skilful Filipino signings Elmer Bedia and Jim Eslao.

On paper the match appears to have all the qualities to be a thriller.



Four of Queensland's representatives in preparation for the clash with NSW.

BRISBANE Lions could approach a Sydney NSL team to make an end of season trip to Queensland if the club gains a place in the NSL promotion play-offs.

Club officials are concerned under the home and away system adopted for the play-offs at the end of the year, there will be at least a fortnight gap between the end of the Queensland competition and the conclusion of the Victorian State League.

The play-off series can not be commenced until the State League champions in Queensland, Victoria and South Australia have completed their finals series commitments.

"If we happened to get knocked out of the Queensland finals early and the Victorian champions went right through to their grand final, it could be up to a month between our last match and the first play-offs game," said Lions secretary Lawrence Oudendyk.

"We will be looking to play games against a strong Sydney NSL team to keep us in match practice and also get our players back into the pace of National League."

NO SILVERWARE

IPSWICH United coach Matt Carson, who at the beginning of the season committed himself to leaving the club if he failed to win a trophy, is now having second thoughts.

"If someone said 'stay', I would have to think about it," Carson said.

"But there would have to be 100 percent commitment (in the offer) from everyone."

Carson has been at Ebbw Vale for six seasons and during that time has won at least one piece of silverware for the club each season. His haul has included three grand final successes, an Ampol Cup, a premiership and a club championship.

But with three rounds remaining in the XXXX League, the trophy cupboard will be bare this season for United.

"I am a man of my word and I have got to stick by what I said at the beginning of the season. I guess it is up to someone else to make the approach if they want me to stay," Carson said.

Although by past standards, this season has been a lean one for Ipswich United, it has had its moments.

United were the first team to defeat Brisbane Lions this season when they outclassed the former National League team 4-2 at Richlands in May. And then a fortnight ago they ended North Star's 17-match undefeated run with a gutsy 2-1 win.

While the Ipswich committee is yet to announce any decision on the 1988 coaching position, Carson should have little trouble finding another club should he leave. But he says he won't be going anywhere and building a new side.

"Starting afresh is not my style. I like to weigh up the staff at a club before I go anywhere," he said.

CENTRAL QUEENSLAND

NERIMBERA have emerged as favourites to take the vital fourth spot in the Central Queensland Soccer League following their narrow 2-1 win over MacKay Rangers at Norbridge Park.

It is still mathematically possible for them to be overtaken by either Rangers, Wanderers or Bluebirds, but they have the easiest run in the remaining games.

The biggest surprise of the weekend was the defeat at home of league leaders. Across the Waves, by Magpies despite the prediction of their coach Jim Harkness that it would never happen.

The visitors were without five regulars due to the flu, but things were made easier for them by two mistakes from Across the Waves goalkeeper Michael Bainbridge.

Saturday night's game was to be a testing time for both Nerimbera and Rangers. However, the home side took the lead through an unusual goal by Darren England and the visitors never really recovered.

Frenchville are hot on the heels of Magpies for the double chance which will be decided when they meet in the last game. On Saturday night they finished Wanderers race for the finals with a 3-0 win in Mackay.

Daryl Kerr scored the first and Barry Cunningham, after coming on as a substitute, got both the others. All three goals came from corner kicks that were played across to Gavin Jenkins who knocked them down for the others to score.

In the other Central Queensland Soccer League game played on Saturday night, Berserker drew 1-1 with Lions. Their goal was scored by Jim Gough.

A goal from fifteen-year-old Ross Smart only seconds from the final whistle gave Rockhampton a narrow 1-0 win over Bundaberg in yesterday's inter-city under 16 Soccer clash and ensured that the Rowlands Cup stayed in the city for another year.

After the results of the Ampol Cup weekend, where the seniors beat Bundaberg 2-1 and the Youth teams drew 2-2, the U16's only had to avoid a 1-0 defeat.

However, they took the game right up to the visitors and with a little luck could have won by a wider margin.

BRAVE DAVE

QUEENSLAND striker Dave Wheeler has opted to risk his potentially crippling pelvis injury to help Brisbane Lions clinch the XXXX League premiership.

The 25-year-old has had his spirits boosted by a bone scan which has revealed the stress fracture in his pelvis is an old injury. Wheeler's reckoning is that if he has played with the injury before, he can play with it again.

He hopes to be fit for selection for Lions' likely premiership decider against North Star at Richlands next week. The only delay to an immediate return is that Wheeler also damaged groin ligaments in the president's final clash with North Star keeper Noel Lord which aggravated the pelvic injury.

Wheeler said bone specialists had advised him that the risks of playing on without trouble are in his favor.

But he has been warned that if the stress fracture

breaks through, his career will be over as the pelvis is unlikely to knit in the same place nor be as strong again.

"I am aware of the risks but not scared," Wheeler said.

"You've obviously have got to listen to the doctors and they have said it's okay to play. They said to keep playing, but the moment I feel pain to come off."

Spirits at Lions received a timely boost when North Star lost to Ipswich United a week ago, which put the former National League side back on top of the XXXX League, with four rounds remaining.

"When we heard North Star had gone down, it really lifted everyone. We're going to be a lot harder to knock off this time," Wheeler said.

But Wheeler believes Azzurri Brisbane City can no longer be underestimated as a title threat.

"They've got some good players in their squad and we certainly are really aware of them as a title danger now," he said.

BACK TO BACK

COALSTARS will be hoping to match North Star's previous efforts of consecutive Ampol Cup final victories when they meet Olympic United at Perry Park this weekend.

North Star were the first side to win consecutive finals for more than 20 years when they took the trophy in 1984 and '85. But their hat-trick was stopped by Coalstars last season. And now the miners want to match Stars' double effort and go on for their own triple.

Olympic are playing in their first ever cup final.

And the game is certain to be an exciting cliff-hanger if the recent XXXX League clash between the two clubs is any indication. The match ended in a 2-2 draw after Olympic led 2-0

at the break but Coalstars stormed home to score to second half goals.

The Coalstars team contains some seasoned cup finalists. Apart from all those who turned out last year, Iain Lawrie and Bruce Penman also won cup medals with Ipswich United in 1979.

Olympic is a young, exciting team under the control of player-coach Mike Milovanovic. Although it has been Milovanovic's first year in the dual role, he has achieved some remarkable results and Olympic's comfortable mid-table placing is a tribute to his achievement.

Coalstars' recent form has been sound and the team looks to be finishing the season strongly. And coach Brian Styles has made no secret that the cup is their sole season



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CHASE FOR MINOR PLACINGS

BY BILL TURNER

WHILE Adamstown Rosebuds and Belmont-Swansea cement their first and second placings in the Northern NSW State First Division there are still a few possibilities relating to the minor placings.

These centre around West Wallsend, Austral United and Highfields Azzurri as they enter into this final round of fixtures.

For half of the teams, results are academic but it does give them a chance to restore some pride and to play entertaining football.

Belmont-Swansea will have a tough afternoon against the Weston Workers Bears who are growing (bear-like) after missing out on the semi-finals.

West Wallsend should win away at Cardiff but the Bluebells have been hot and cold lately with coach Keith Harris trying hard to consolidate his side before the semi-finals.

When last they met Highfields had a little better of the play than Lake Macquarie City but the latter had the better scoring chances. A draw was a fitting result. Since then Lakes under former Soccer Ray Lloyd have strung together some great wins.

Adamstown should have a romp down on the

Central Coast if past performances and positions on the points table are anything of an indication.

Austral should account for Wallsend but the Red Devils recent victory over Westy should warn the purple and whites not to add up the points until after the final whistle.

No matter what the results this weekend, congratulations go to Rosebuds for winning the premiership. There seems an expectancy that Adamstown and Belmont-Swansea will be at Macquarie Field. Speers Point on Sunday afternoon, September 20 to battle it out in that very Australian institution, called, the GRAND FINAL.

STOCKTON AT TOP

THE battle for premiership honours in the Northern NSW Second

Division has pretty well been decided.

Thanks to one or two unexpected losses by Toronto-Awaba and Belmont, Stockton has skipped away to an almost unbeatable lead.

Last year Stockton won the premiership but failed to gain promotion on technical grounds allowing Central Coast to hold its position.

This time they hope not to make the same mistake. However, the Directors will make the final decision.

Early indications had pointed to Toronto-Awaba being the team to return to State First Division. With the inclusion of Brett Cowburn and Darren Stewart in the squad it was certainly a distinct possibility, but that possibility has now gone.

Belmont has made an end of season charge after a faulty start and could easily take out the Grand Final trophy.

Port Macquarie looked like giving Second Division a real shake, but lost too many matches they should have won. If this club could have two or three more of their towns better players in the squad it could be a different story.

These men have chosen not to travel every second weekend.

Cessnock and Newcastle Macedonia had good starts but faded during the second half of the series.

BILL TURNER



JOHN McQUARRIE

POINTS: Adamstown 37 Belmont-Swansea 37 Austral United 28 West Wallsend 27 Highfields Azzurri 24 Lake Macquarie 22 Western 22 Wallsend 17 Cardiff 14 Central Coast 4.

Adamstown, Austral United, Highfields Azzurri, Lake Macquarie and Cardiff all have deferred fixtures to play as well as games in the final series next weekend.

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BELSWANS JOIN ROSEBUD

ADAMSTOWN ROSEBUD suffered its first defeat of the season and lost its outright lead in the Toohey's Northern NSW State First Division Premiership when it went down 1-0 to Lake Macquarie City last Sunday at the Adamstown Sports Ground.

Belmont-Swansea United joined Adamstown at the top of the points table with a 2-1 win over West Wallsend at Johnson Park.

Austral United moved into third place, ahead of West Wallsend when it beat luckless Central Coast 2-1 at Austral Park.

In a drama-packed match at Adamstown referee John Judd sent off three players - Adamstown's John McQuarrie and Lake Macquarie's Steve Piggott a minute after half-time when the two players traded punches following a niggling first half - and issued six yellow cards.

Lake Macquarie also lost defender David Brenton towards the end of the second half as the result of a late tackle after he had earlier received a yellow card.

The Lake Macquarie goalie had a charmed life in the first 10 minutes of the game and survived with an element of luck.

But Lake Macquarie scored the goal that counted 17 minutes into the second half when Brenton found space on the right to centre Scott Piggott who made no error from 10 metres.

Belmont-Swansea stayed in the running for the premiership with goals by Peter Winsor and Dale Robertson. Brett Porter scored for the Bluebells, but the defeat saw West Wallsend drop from third place to fourth.

Central Coast's tale of woe continued when Robert Holden maintained his good form to score one of Austral United's two goals at Austral Park. Dave Butchart contributed the other while Brett Margin scored for the Coast, as his team again went down by the odd goal.

The game between Highfields Azzurri and Cardiff set down for Whitebridge was postponed due to Saturday's heavy rain.

In a match that had no bearing on the final four Western - with goals by Rodney Oliver, Peter Mur-

ray, Mark Humphries, Michael Mirisch and Tom Stirrat - hammered Wallsend 5-1, the Wallsend goal coming from Michael Kerby.

CENTRAL COAST TO DROP

EXCEPT for a miracle, Central Coast is destined to be playing in Second Division in 1988. This is a real tragedy.

There are certainly some good players in their squad, with Paul Corbett being equal fourth highest goal scorer in the State First Division competition to prove it.

But what must be galling for the Plum Park boys is that a strong contingent of their local products are turning out each week for the Newcastle NSW State Bank League club.

Add to this the fact that teams like Adamstown Rosebuds, Belmont-Swansea, West Wallsend, Austral United and the like are the most powerful teams in Northern NSW and one can only feel sorry for the Coasties and hope that their players will return home next year and lift their team back into the State First Division where they belong.

BALGOWNIE'S BURNING AMBITION

BALGOWNIE have a longer tradition to fall back on than any of the current West End NSL clubs and a young team with tons of enthusiasm have been trying to lift the "Magpies" back into the spotlight.

Coached by Eric Thompson, Balgownie are playing in the Illawarra First Division but have a burning ambition to get in to the Premier League for the start of 1988.

They are currently locked in a struggle to finish in the top two so they can come under consideration for promotion.

In Illawarra, teams going in to the Premier League must adhere to strict qualifications, including a fully enclosed ground and facilities to go with it.

Even if Balgownie fail to finish in the top two, there is a chance of the teams which don't may not measure up to what the ISA demands.

There is no doubt Balgownie will.

They still play at Judy Masters Oval, named after the great former Australian captain who played his soccer with the club.

When the ground was named Balgownie Oval some epic State League and State Cup games were played there and the club struck up a great rivalry with local neighbours Corrimal and Woonona.

Granville also provided

Balgownie with many tough games and the two clubs have long argued about which was the first club in NSW to be formed officially.

These days, the crowds aren't what they were in those days, but an enthusiastic committee feel they have the ground, floodlights, facilities and the basis of a strong team.

They also have the basis of a real family atmosphere, with Fernton Kearton president and his wife, Karen secretary.

In addition, their son Glen, is sweeper in the first grade side even though he is still at school.

Glen was recently selected in the NSW team to contest the Australian CHS titles in Perth next month.

He is also one of four Illawarra boys in the State all schools team to tour the US and England later in the year.

With a ground that would put many State Bank League clubs to shame, Balgownie have no alternative but to be progressive.

Karen Kearton said they dearly want to be in Premier League next season.

"The club has had many people involved in the development of Judy Masters Oval over the years and they would all love to see Balgownie on the way back," she said.

"This season we have a

senior team made up of many of our best local juniors who have stayed with us.

"Balgownie have developed many players of their calibre over the years



Action aplenty in the Illawarra State League.

but lost them to teams in higher divisions; if we gain promotion we know we will keep these players in future."

Sunday week will be an important day for Balgownie as they take on Premier League side West-Figtree in the final of the Bampton Cup.

There is \$1600 for the winner of that game but that isn't the main reason Balgownie want to pull up a shock win.

"Winning that game will prove to the ISA we have playing talent to go with our ground and facilities," Karen Kearton said.

Balgownie qualified for the final with a 3-2 win over Lysaght's after being down 2-0 after only seven minutes.

That suggests that a Balgownie team that has an average age of less than 21 doesn't lack in character will give Figtree possibly their toughest 90 minutes of the season.

A win in that game could bring back a return of the good old days on "the village green".

GARY ROLLS ON

HE's been out of soccer for 11 years clocking up more than a million miles behind the wheel of a tourist bus, but Gary Tuckerman is back and enjoying the game as much as ever.

Tuckerman's senior career goes back to 1967 when he left Tarrawanna to play third grade under the legendary Jim Kelly.

He was rated one of the fastest soccer players in Australia when selected to play his first game in first grade at 17.

A number of coaches at United used him effectively to contain danger men and he could coast doing the job most effectively against the likes of Yugal's beach sprint champion Joe Alagich and the talented Ray Baartz (Hakoah).

Tuckerman has vivid memories of his first game - against Marconi at Marconi Oval when Marconi had a much younger Les Scheinflug in their line-up.

"We played a 1-1 draw and I received good reports from the Sydney press the following day," Tuckerman said.

After two seasons as player-coach with Illawarra Premier League club, Tuckerman was forced to hang up his boots.

He was working with a tourist bus company as a driver and this meant many long distance trips. "I suppose I have driven to every part of Australia in the space of 11 years," Tuckerman said.

"These days I am manager of the company and spend most of my time in the office so I started playing a few games of indoor soccer with some mates."

This was where he was spotted by former South

Coast United coaches Adrian Alston and Terry Hurley, who are now coaching Corrimal.

They invited Tuckerman to play in their Golden Oldies team against an Illawarra Mercury side to raise money for a Cancer Appeal.

Tuckerman looked as fit as ever and was invited to have a run with Corrimal.

After half a game in the reserves, he has played regularly in the first team and has had a great effect on some of the younger players in the team.

"He can't train during the weeks and sometimes arrives about five to three on a Saturday but he's been a big asset to us in the fight against relegation recently," Hurley said.



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Palacios asks . . .

HOW LOW CAN YOU GO?

CANBERRA Griffins soccer coach Augusto Palacios has lashed out at the low standards existing in the NSW State Bank League, saying that for most of its members it was little more than a social competition.

"Almost every time we go to Sydney we play in front of less than 100 people. 'How can I motivate my players in such a situation?' he said.

"Of the Sydney clubs only Melita Eagles, Uru-guayan Penrith and Black-town City drew reasonable crowds. For the rest it is a non-event. They are in the competition for a hobby.

"I could play a match against Croatia Deakin in

the ACT competition and draw a far bigger crowd.

"That is why we have to win promotion back into the NSL this season. It is bad for our professional standards to have to continue in this competition.

"I believe I have drawn an excellent squad together, one that is far too good for this league. I wish I could arrange a match with Sydney Olympic or Sydney Croatia to show the people of Canberra just how good they are.

"In many cases it was

just a matter of inspiring the existing players with enthusiasm. When I first became coach people were saying to me 'Steve Bryant is too old, Tom Sermanni is too old' — now look at them. Bryant is the best sweeper in the competition and Sermanni has not missed a match so far.

"Soccer is a great game, but it can only be played at its best among full-time professionals. I look forward to the day when that will be able to happen at Canberra."

CANBERRA Social League leader Hot Type, two goals down in 10 minutes, hit back to win 4-3 over third placed Majura, but Endeavour stayed up with the pace with a 4-0 win over weakened Waterland. With six games left it seems certain that the title will be decided between these two clubs.

In other matches Slovenia edged ahead of Panama 3-1, and while RMC held Le Pogs for the first 20 minutes the opening goal was the signal for an avalanche. Le Pogs won 11-1.

RACE FOR A PLACE

WHILE the championship and relegation battles are virtually over in the ACT first division, the race to see who replaces Narrabundah from the second could go down to the last game of the season.

The contestants are the free-scoring Weston Creek, aiming to return to the top deck at the first attempt after relegation in 1986, and ambitious Canberra City, a club which has fought its way up through the lower divisions in a relentless quest for glory.

While Weston Creek edged two points ahead of City with a 3-2 win over ADFA recently, City coach Herbie Klemperer says the Creek have the more difficult opponents in the run in.

"Also, our goalscoring problem could be cleared up with the return of Duncan Beaton from injury, so although their goal-difference is better at present, I would expect that to narrow.

"We've beaten them three times in league and cup matches this season

then dropped points to some of the lesser sides. That's something we can't afford to do from now on."

The former ANU and Narrabundah boss praised City's rock solid defence — only seven goals conceded in league games this season — for keeping the team in the promotion race.

"Craig O'Neill at sweeper, Phil Cohen at centre-half and Cameron Beaton (Duncan's brother) in midfield, are all class players.

"The City Club, who back us, have big plans, and if we get promotion I would expect a number of top signings to make us a competitive first-division side."

Investment in youth is the road by which Weston Creek hopes to return to the big time.

The club has a massive junior section and striker Tony Olivera believes that the days when its best youngsters could be lured away with promises of financial reward are gone.

"I think the ones we have got now will stay with the club. The moral is high, right through the grades, and that reflects in the standings — we're top in the second and sixth divisions while the reserves are second in their competition."

INTER Monaro has signed two Fijian internationals to boost its efforts to climb away from the NSW State Bank League relegation area. They are Rusiate Waqa, a striker, and midfielder Manu Poker. Both players, from first division side Nadi, are settling into life in Queanbeyan and Waqa made his first-team debut coming on as sub in the 3-0 loss to Warringah Freshwater.



Dear old pals . . . Canberra Griffins defender Phil Reis has a hand on Baz Giampaolo's shoulder after dispossessing the Inter Monaro striker during the NSW State Bank League local derby game at Bruce Stadium. The Griffins won 5-0.

Picture: courtesy The Canberra Times.

field."

The race, enthralling as it is, may be usurped by behind-the-scenes moves to increase the first division to 10 teams next season. If that happens both the Creek and City could find themselves where they believe they belong.

THE favourites squeezed past determined second-division opposition in the semi-

finals of the ACT Federation Cup, CCAE beating Canberra City 1-0 and Juventus beating Condors by the same score.

A Joe Minello penalty was all that separated CCAE and City and college team manager Roger Grylls summed it up afterwards when he said: "I can't say we played well, but we are happy to be in the final."

The Juventus goal

came five minutes from the end when it seemed that relegation threatened Condors might take the game to extra time. Danny Serena crossed the ball and Frank Madaffari headed in.

Condors can take some consolation from the performance of schoolboy David Sanchez who came on as a substitute in the second half and worried the Juventus defence with his skill and speed.

ACT WOMEN

AUSTRALIAN international Julie Murray scored four times in Weston Creek's 6-2 win over ANU in the ACT Women's Soccer Association first division match.

Vera Krigovsky and Debbie Corcoran scored the Greek's other goals with the university replying through Szuszy Young and an own goal.

The highest score of the day belonged to Canberra City which ended Stormbirds' outside chance for the title with a 7-2 win, Airene Sein scoring a hat-trick backed by Sandra D'Onofrio (2), Paula Minello and Sally Rundle. Angie Ulrick got both Stormbirds' goals.

Bronwyn Calver and Francine Dwyer scored one each to keep Belconnen United in the title chase with a 2-0 win over Downer Olympic.

Rachelle Higgins of Tuggeranong United, matched Murray's effort by scoring all her side's goals in its 4-0 win over Belconnen II in reserve grade, but Queanbeyan retained its lead by beating CCAE 3-1 with goals from Julie Tonini, Jenny De Rooy and Rita Marinschek. Wendy Bithell was the college's scorer.

ANU II kept up its challenge with a 4-2 win over Wanderers — Megan Baldwin (2), Karen Baldwin and Wendy Maxwell were the scorers for NAU and Clair Angel and Tanya Sargeant for Wanderers.

Concordia-Canberra further established its claim to the second division title by beating Belconnen III 5-0

VIC FERNANDEZ DENIES DIRTY PLAY TALK

"IT hurts me to be accused of promoting dirty play. They day I tell one of my players to go out and kick opponents they can send me to the mad house."

Inter Monaro soccer coach Vic Fernandez was hitting back at allegations made by his opposite number at Canberra Griffins, Augusto Palacios, that Monaro was a team of hackers — charges that surfaced on the eve of the local derby game between the two clubs at Bruce stadium recently.

Palacios, still on crutches following an injury he received in the first-round NSW State Bank League game between the two sides at the Marco Polo Ground on July 1, will probably not play again this season. He said the Queanbeyan club's style was built on close marking and illegal tackling, and took a swipe at referees for not protecting teams trying to play good football.

"I have no fears about beating Monaro, but I do worry about the length of my injury list afterwards.

"I received another serious injury against them last year. Every game is the same — it is kung fu, not football."

Fernandez said: "If I am as ruthless as he says then why didn't I tell one of my players to take Alan Reis out of the game last time? Reis destroyed us with four goals but we did not try to stop him by anything other than fair means.

"Of course we are a hard side and we always try our best against Canberra, but we are not dirty.

"Like Augusto I come from South America, and like him I hate the cloggers. I had to put up with enough of them during my playing days.

"I will tell a man to mark a key player, but not to kick him out of the game."

However, Palacios had no more complaints after the match, which the Griffins won 5-0.

"It was a hard game, but the excellent refereeing of Gary Power kept things in order," he said.

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STIRLING CHOKES OFF OPPONENTS

MACEDONIA 4 OUT OF 5?

BY DAVID ANDREWS

"THIS year we will sit back and review the situation and where we hope to go over the next few years".

"We will be happy to

hold a place in the top four to let our supporters know we are still a power in the WA competition."

Those were the sentiments of the leading officials of the Stirling Macedonia club before the 1987 season kicked off in April.

Today Macedonia are almost home as the champions, and it will take an unexpected series of setbacks to deprive them of

their fourth title in five years.

There were few observers prepared to predict that Macedonia would outlast Perth Azzurri or Spearwood Dalmatinac, while there was a lot of good money resting on Floreat Athena.

When the Macedonia machine rumbled over Dalmatinac to record a 5-2

victory last Sunday at Dalmatinac Park no one could be found to back another club capable of displacing Macedonia at the top.

With four rounds to play Macedonia lead by five points (three points for a win and one for a draw in WA) with only Athena considered as posing any problem.

Anything is possible, but

Inglewood Kiev, Osborne Park Galeb and Bayswater Inter should fall to the power of Macedonia.

Macedonia's triumph on Sunday took a lot longer than was thought possible with Dalmatinac reduced to a shadow of the squad that started the season.

Six key players were missing — four with long time injuries and two with suspensions.

The replacements, including four youngsters with bright futures, fought manfully for 50 minutes before succumbing to the inevitable.

On two occasions the underdogs led with strong suggestions that a fairy tale ending was possible, and that the competition would become a nail-biter to the end.

tedly crashed to Gosnells City 1-0, cannot be written off from the top four, though they would require a lot of luck to make it.

Gosnells themselves have no chance and relegation is no longer a problem for them, leaving them with four weeks to experiment for next year.

Relegation, however, is much on the minds of Osborne Park Galeb, Balga and Inglewood Kiev, while Cockburn United should be safe following their excellent 3-1 win over Galeb at Galeb's home ground.

Kiev had the chance to find safety by beating bottom of the table Balga only to waste the chance in a 2-1 loss, leaving them with a tricky run in against Macedonia, Azzurri, Tricolore and Gosnells.

The all important game at this end of the table this coming weekend is the clash between Balga and

Galeb at Balga's home ground, Princess Road reserve.

Balga's Hopes

The loser will be in dire straits, through Balga has a much easier run home than either Kiev and Galeb — at least on paper.

This weekend there is likely to be little change at the top, with Dalmatinac meeting Tricolore with a draw the likely result.

Azzurri should take care of Gosnells, while Athena should do the same to Cockburn United.

Last week Olympic conceded three goals to Azzurri, the first time more than two goals had gone past their defence.

Bayswater Inter is unlikely to repeat that effort, at Kingsway Reserve though they can expect a share of the spoils in their current form.

THREE TO TRICOLORE

THE 1985 State League competition ended on August 14, but to all intents and purposes the premiership was neatly parcelled up and on its way back to East Fremantle-Tricolore three weeks before that.

For on July 24, before the season's biggest crowd at Dorrien Gardens, the consistent Tricolore side steamrollered aside its only remaining challenger, Azzurri, to the tune of 4-2 and established an unassailable lead at the top of the table.

In becoming the first team to take off the State League honours for the third time since the formation of the Federation in 1960, Tricolore completed a hat trick of premierships.

For the record, Tricolore won 15 of its 18 league matches, drew one and lost two, scored 72 goals and conceded only 20.

A little of the lustre in Tricolore's outstanding performance was dulled by two surprise defeats — both on its home ground at Wauhop Park — one by Kiev and one by Athena.

The first of these reverses — a 1-3 loss to Kiev on July 17 — brought to an end an unbeaten sequence of 33 matches that Tricolore had strung together since the losing stages of the 1963 season.

Nothing tastes sweeter than success, but it is doubtful whether Tricolore officials, players and fans will be aiming to improve on the 33-game sequence, at least not for a few years.

For there is no doubt that the strain of having to preserve this proud record week after week against teams that were just as determined to become the first to knock Tricolore off its pedestal weighed heavily on the nerves of the players.

So much emphasis was placed on the job of avoiding defeat that Tricolore had trouble in producing the matchwinning brand of Soccer of which it was always capable.

Nevertheless, as was the case in 1964, Tricolore was streets ahead of all rivals, both in class and consistency, and the five-point margin over Azzurri at the end of the season was a clear reflection of its superiority.

Once again, a large slice of the credit for Tricolore's success was due to ace goalgetter Johnny McInroy, who was responsible for nearly half of the team's goal tally for the season.

One of the most pleasing aspects of Tricolore's performance was the contribution made by two Australian-born defenders, centre-half Gary Taylor and left-back Eric Edmonds.

There surely was proof that home-grown talent can be at least the equal of imported material provided it is given the right coaching and grooming.

D'ORSOGNA CUP SEMI FINALS

SATURDAY, 29TH AUGUST, 1987

MACEDONIA PARK

Kick-off

U/17's: Floreat Athena v Perth Azzurri 11.30am
Reserves: Floreat Athena v Kingsway Oly 1.00pm
First Team: Floreat Athena v B'water Inter 3.00pm

SUNDAY, 30TH AUGUST, 1987

KIEV SPORTS GROUND

U/17's: Osborne Pk Galeb v Stirling Mace 11.30am
Reserves: Gosnells City v Perth Azzurri 1.00pm
First Team: S'wood Dalmatinac v Stirling Mace 3.00pm

Decider

Dalmatinac still have a strong chance of making the four, and it could be the last match of the season when they meet fourth placed Kingsway Olympic will decide that issue.

Perth Azzurri, 3-1 winners over Olympic last weekend, and Floreat Athena, who beat Bayswater Inter 4-2, seem assured of top four places.

Mind you, both Bayswater and East Fremantle Tricolore, who unexpect-

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B'water Int	18 8 2 8 29 34 26
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FAIREST AND BEST 9th AUGUST

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SECOND DIVISION	
P McKee North Perth Croatia 21, V Straffella Fremantle Benefica 16, W Herd Kelmscott 14.	
THIRD DIVISION	
S Sibson University 23, D Burce Ferndale United 18, P Marley Rockingham United 15.	
FOURTH DIVISION	
S Rogers Bunbury City 20, K Whittles Albany 17, J Wells Kalamunda 14.	

LEADING GOALSCORERS

STATE LEAGUE	
M Smith Spearwood Dalmatinac 14, F Bate Stirling Macedonia 13, J Hunter Stirling Macedonia 13.	
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M Delapena East Fremantle Tricolore 12, Z Zelich Osborne Park Galeb 9.	

SECOND DIVISION	
A Vacca Balcatta Etna 13, P Dollar Balcatta Etna 13, C Lester Sorrento 12.	

THIRD DIVISION	
D Bruce Ferndale United 20, B Callender Morley Windmills 17, P Radley Armadale Park 11.	

FOURTH DIVISION	
J Bell Ashfield Dynamo 11, D Harley Ashfield Dynamo 9, J Wells Kalamunda 9, K Whittles Albany 8.	

RESULTS JULY 15

STATE LEAGUE	
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THE stage is set for a nail-biting finish to Southern Tasmania's Cadbury State League season next Saturday following this week's penultimate round of matches which saw White Eagles the reigning champion go to the top of the table with a 6-1 win over bottom-side Rapid.

Eagles has a one-point lead over second-placed Olympia-WPL and third-placed Juventus-Pioneer, both of which are on 29 points.

Juventus beat Olympia 2-0 in midweek, but Olympia has the best goal-difference in the league and the championship will now be decided next Saturday when Olympia meets Croatia-Glenorchy and White Eagles takes on Juventus.

If Olympia beats Croatia, then White Eagles must beat Juventus in the main attraction to retain its title.

If Olympia loses or draws with Croatia, White Eagles will only need a draw against Juventus, while Juventus could grab the title by beating Eagles.

Olympia retained the team and formation it used to beat Eagles 4-1 last weekend for its clash against Juventus but it simply wasn't good

enough against a side that was far better organised and more determined than Eagles.

Juventus' back four cleared the ball at every opportunity in any way possible, its midfielders chased and harried and fought for every ball, while the speed and mobility of John Broadhouse and Romeo Frediani up front forced Olympia into tactical changes and, eventually, into fatal errors.

Olympia's player-coach, Ken Morton, only lasted twenty minutes at sweeper before moving into midfield and allowing Anthony Greenwood to go to the centre of the defence.

Morton went off at the interval, to be replaced by Paul Xanthopoulos, and he also substituted full-back Peter Sherman, the team's best player against White Eagles, with Peter Vafakos in the second half, but all to no avail.

A defensive error allowed Sergio Pace in to score Juventus's opener in the 24th minute, and a similar faux-pas on the hour saw Frediani hit the second.

Frediani and Broadhouse might have added to the Juventus tally later in the match, but, even as it was, Olympia was well-beaten.

Eagles fell behind to a fourth minute penalty by

Lars Koch against Rapid before asserting its superiority and trouncing the wooden-spooner 6-1.

Andrew Leszczynski scrambled an equalizer in the 16th minute after his initial header had come back



Tasmanian State League action.

off the bar, while Scott Young stooped low in the 22nd minute to head home Richard Leszczynski's right-wing cross and give Eagles the lead.

Andrew and Richard Leszczynski completed the first-half scoring in the 26th and 32nd minutes, respectively, to send Eagles in 4-1 up.

Andrew Leszczynski completed his hat-trick from the penalty spot in the 63rd minute after Rapid goalkeeper Lee Gillam had brought down Richard Leszczynski as the striker threatened to break through.

David Stoddart wrapped up the scoring 20 minutes from the end when he found himself clear of the Rapid defence and was untroubled in firing past the advancing Gillam.

Rapid gained a second penalty in the 76th minute when Driessen fouled Errey, but Koch struck his spot-kick wide of the left-hand upright as if to emphasise the fact that when you're down, you're down.

Howrah doomed Rapid to last place when it beat Caledonians 1-0 in midweek at KGV Soccer Park.

The decisive effort came in the seventh minute and was a tragic own-goal from the head of Calies defender Malcolm Allen.

Details: Juventus-Pioneer 2 (Pace, Frediani) Olympia-WPL 0, Howrah 1 (own goal) Caledonians 0, White Eagles 6 (A Leszczynski 3, Leszczynski, Young, Stoddart) Rapid 1 (Koch pen).

Leading Goalscorers: 27 R. Leszczynski (White Eagles), 21 Pace (Juventus), 18 Xanthopoulos (Olympia-WPL), 17 A. Leszczynski (White Eagles), 13 McIntyre (Croatia), 13 Stoddart (White Eagles), 12 Broadhouse (Juventus), Goldsmith (Olympia).

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Croatia	19 8 4 7 31 35 20
Howrah	18 7 3 8 29 33 17
Cal'ians	19 5 3 11 23 43 13
Rapid	18 2 4 12 22 54 8

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Leading Goalscorers: 25 Harwood (White Eagles), 9 Tsakiris (Olympic), Rossi (Juventus), 8 Hobbs (Hobart City), 7 Mastricola (Juventus), Morling (Howrah), Laszczak (White Eagles), Hart (Olympia).

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TOP OFFICIALS IN PLACE

JOE Brent has been re-elected unopposed as the Australian Indoor Soccer President at last week's AGM.

Charles Perkins and Jim Roberts (ACT) are the vice presidents in charge of World Cup Committee and Coaching Committee respectively.

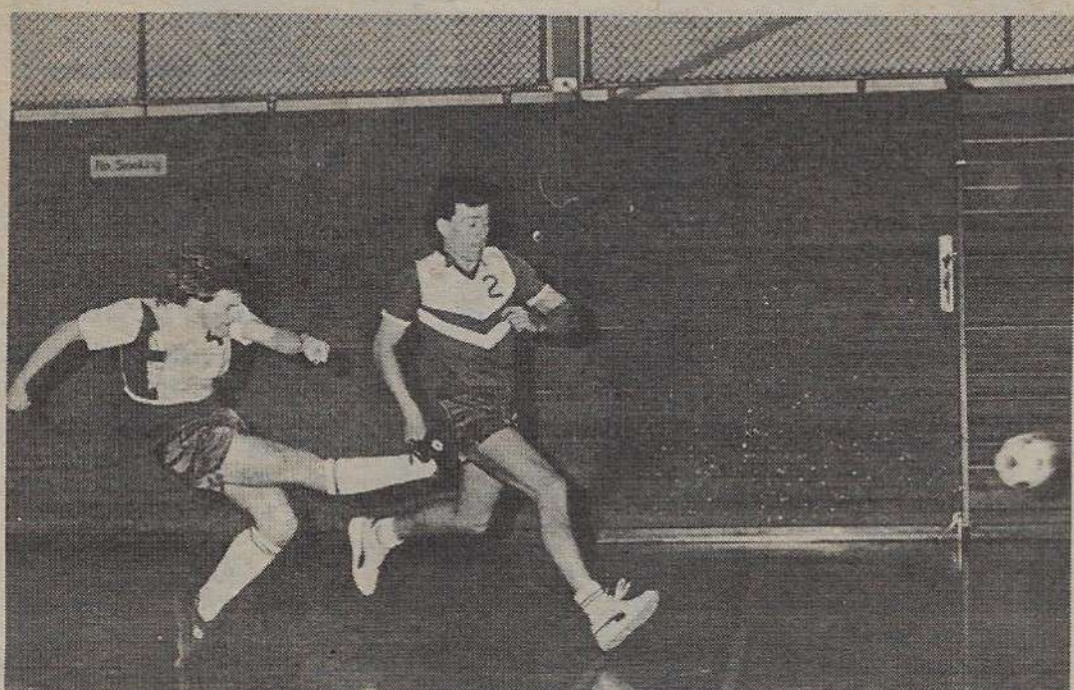
Gavin Braithwaite of Western Australia is the secretary and Queensland's John Green, the Chairman of the Finance Committee.

In other appointments to the executive of the Australian Indoor Soccer movement, James Hardie Industries Group Advertising manager Bryan

Anstee is Chairman of the James Hardie National Indoor Soccer League, Albert Umpleby, Chairman of the technical committee and referees, while NSW President Graham Bradley is the treasurer.

Victorian President Eane Whitton, who is also owner of Buffalo Sports, is sponsorship chairman, David Smart will run the public relations area and women's president Joe Grima will look after women's indoor soccer.

The women's movement will receive full, equal and voting rights on the Australian executive.



Denis Breneizeris of Geelong Strikers gets in a shot ahead of Corio Cats' Eddie Radojevic.

Photo - Tony Kerrigan (Geelong News)

VICTORIAN INDOOR LEAGUE

FROM ROY HAY

GEELONG Strikers defeated local rivals Corio Cats 5-2 in a thrilling semi-final of the Victorian Indoor League at Corio North High School on Wednesday night. The winners meet Thomastown Crushers tonight (Wednesday) in the final at Donvale High School.

Geelong and Corio both suffered a blow before the start of play with the news that Robbie Noggler of Cats was out with a suspected broken nose and Denis Breneizeris of Strikers with a leg injury.

This meant that neither side had a substitute player, though this did not seem to worry any of the participants as they committed themselves totally.

Strikers went into the lead after only two minutes when Josip Marinovic picked up a rebound and found Steve Perin, who in turn rounded his man and

set up Steve Radojevic for the finishing shot.

Peter Stojanovski had a fine drive which hit keeper Lucky Inturrisi on the foot as Cats came back. At the other end, Mick Nikolovski had to come out of his area several times to block dangerous runs by Steve Radojevic and Perin.

George Dimovski found enough space to get in a shot for Cats, but once again the ball was quickly driven forward where Josip Marinovic outpaced the defence for Strikers second goal. The half-time score remained at 2-0 though both sides had chances to add to their accounts.

Dinko Uljar opened the second half with a short range free kick for Cats which resulted in a goal. Dimovski was denied the equaliser by the post and Strikers celebrated the escape with a third goal by Perin.

Dimovski had more success a minute later when he got the ball on the left and took it right across the

Strikers defence and hit a fierce and accurate shot into the net as he fell. Lucky Inturrisi made another good stop with his feet and Eddie Radojevic was just run out as he tried to break through for the Cats.

Steven McAuliffe was tackling solidly at the back for Strikers and venturing forward to shoot when the chance presented. Marinovic and Steve Radojevic combined down the centre and Marinovic got the final touch for Strikers fourth goal.

Finally Marinovic turned and shot in an instant and the ball was deflected past a stranded Mick Nikolovski.

Recent news that ex-Socceroos John Kosmina, Joe Watson and current star, Peter Raskopoulos, have signed to play indoor soccer with Sydney Tornados in the National League will be an added incentive for Geelong players hoping to make the team which will participate in that competition.



Geelong Strikers resplendent in its new uniform sponsored by Thomas Cook Travel-Geelong. Back row, left to right: George Dimovski, Josip Marinovic, Steve McAuliffe, Peter Stojanovski. Front row: Steve Radojevic, Lucky Inturrisi, Mario Yolarevic.

★★★
Lotto Allstars, once again considerably backed by Lotto Shoes, have two new signings for 1987 - Parramatta Spartans Chris Vince and Lee Sutherland.

PETERSEN LINKS UP

FOLLOWING the news that John Kosmina, Peter Raskopoulos and Joe Watson have signed for the Sydney Tornados in 1987, another Socceroo has signed for the Thomastown Crushers in the James Hardie NISL.

Mike Petersen, who recently returned from Holland, will turn out for Thomastown once his outdoor commitments are completed.



SYDNEY'S GRIDLINE EAGLES IN NISL

GRIDLINE Eagles, previously known as Alkene, have won the NSW State League with a thrilling win over Parramatta Spartans 4-3 in the final before a packed house at Revesby YMCA.

Owned by Rados Sretenovic, the general manager of Gridline Ceilings Pty Ltd, Gridline have been accepted into the James Hardie NISL which kicks off shortly.

On the strength of their win over highly favoured Parramatta Spartans, Gridline are going to be one of the teams to beat in this year's national league. Gridline have signed 1985 World Cup coach John Major to handle the team in the national league.

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AGE SHALL NOT WEARY THEM . . .

WATCHING Buggy Nyskohus playing against Marconi recently set me thinking about longevity in sport and in Soccer in particular.

His role is the same as that of Vedran Rozic of Sydney Croatia, as organiser of the defence and captain of the team.

As mentioned in a previous article, Rozic's influence extends well beyond those limits, as coach and star of his side.

Buggy is shortish, but still good in the air, quick over the ground especially over short distances, a competent footballer and a good leader of a team of knowledgeable and good players.

How many more years has he left?

attracted our players to him, then hit accurate probing long balls.

Secrets

At 44 I thought he was about finished and was amazed that he kept playing, eventually returning back to his home town club, Stoke City, where his reputation, charisma, experience, stature, leadership and skill was the foundation on which Stoke won promotion out of the Second Division.

I sought out his secrets, following his natural health diet, moving to a seaside area, doing deep breath-

ing and lots of sprints.

I never became a star, though in far away Australia I did play my last professional game with Bankstown in the NSW State League First Division at age 48.

Matthews now lives in Malta and at 65 still plays.

Still tagging him, I am playing in the NSW Churches competition, getting my legs kicked by young blokes each Saturday while waiting a call up to the famous 'Media XI'.

So what is the key to playing a long time in Soccer?

Mainly it is to want to.

I have never agreed with

people who talked of retiring "while you are at the top."

So long as you love running around, so long as you love the skills of Soccer, so long as you want to test yourself by competing, so long as you like to win games. Why stop playing?

Speed is an asset.

Surprisingly, it does not diminish so much over the years.

Reaction time does, which is why there are not too many over 30 strikers around.

Strikers have got to be fast to the ball and have to react quickly to unex-

pected happenings and tight marking around the penalty area.

However, speed over the ground does not diminish so much.

You can use it at full back, and especially at sweeper.

The ex-Australian full back, Steve Perry, recently made a come-back to top Soccer in Brisbane well into his late 30's.

Perry now plays sweeper where his experience can be used to its maximum as he reads the play.

Buggy Nyskohus is an excellent reader of defen-

MIKE JOHNSON

MIKE JOHNSON is a former England professional Soccer player. He played as full time professional with Doncaster Rovers, Brighton, Fulham and Newcastle United. He is an English Football Association coach. In Australia he has coached top teams — Sutherland, St George BSC, West Adelaide, APIA, Wollongong United (now Wollongong Macedonia) and Fairy Meadow in the NSW State League. His television series *The Basic Skills of Soccer* was shown for the first time in 1980 on ABC, concurrently with another television series of his, *Fitness for Sport*. His book *Fitness for Sport* won a quick acceptance among schools and junior clubs throughout Australia. He has had outstanding success coaching young players many of whom have gone on to represent Australia at Soccer.

He says that everyone of these players, despite their eventual success, was deficient in basic skills because of inadequate coaching in their early years, and that all of them would have been better players if they had developed good basic grounding of skill when they were young.

VEDRAN ROZIC



VEDRAN ROZIC

sive situations, an excellent interceptor of the ball, and also a very good close coverer of his own defenders.

Opponents

On the other hand we have the brilliant Ian Wallace at Melbourne Croatia gradually being brought back to average due to the close attention of young, fast and aggressive opponents.

Like his namesake Willie Wallace (ex-APIA), he may have to move into

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The result went wrong, but . . .

HEIDELBERG'S COUNTRY VISIT WAS WORTHWHILE

HEIDELBERG's lack of financial success in its bold attempt to take National League football to the country areas should not discourage other clubs from repeating similar ventures.

The Victorian city of Shepparton should have been an ideal setting for the visit of Marconi with its large Italian population and a fairly strong junior association. Heidelberg, on their part, did most things right in promoting the match — coach John Margaritis and a number of players visited schools in the area during the week prior to the game, one thousand free tickets were distributed to the juniors, extensive advertising on

local radio and television stations gave the fixture a high profile and the local City Council gave the club its full co operation.

Heidelberg were expecting an attendance of around 5,000 with a large percentage of locals amongst them, instead a crowd of 3,000 consisted mainly of the team's supporters travelling from Melbourne. While this may indicate that the whole exercise was a dismal failure

which would have cost Heidelberg financially, the code's image must have been enhanced by the promotion.

One of the most encouraging aspects of the afternoon was the large number of children in attendance — a sight which is unfortunately rarely seen at most matches in Sydney and Melbourne.

For many years now our game has relied on a rapidly aging hard core of regular followers without being able to attract a new breed of supporters and this is where a big portion of the code's problems lie.

It's great to have thousands of kids actively participating in playing the game but somehow most of them are being lost to other codes in their transition from playing to watching.

Seeing the hundreds of kids chasing both Marconi and Heidelberg players for autographs before the game at Shepparton showed that a great deal of interest does exist amongst our juniors.

The vast majority of these rural youngsters never get the opportunity of seeing their heroes in action as all football codes tend to concentrate on playing in major cities and this is where the National League can take advantage of the situation.

Every NSL club should be directed to stage one home match each season in one of these country centres — with financial assistance from the league if necessary — and return to the same area every year.

If Heidelberg goes back to Shepparton next season they can be reasonably assured of building on the goodwill created by their recent promotion and

that will almost certainly compound over the years ahead.

Eventually both parties will forge a strong bond between each other and the early financial losses may start to return a profitable dividend. Just imagine the huge strides our code can make in rural Australia if every club 'adopted' a country town which is visited annually with a well promoted competitive fixture.

Strong centres like Whyalla in South Australia, Bendigo, Ballarat and Mildura in Victoria, Tamworth, Dubbo, Albury and Griffith in New South Wales immediately come to mind. These are all well populated areas which are crying out for top level competitive sport while the National League is in urgent need of tapping a new spectator market.

Interstate fixtures which usually only attract the home team's fans will be ideal matches to stage in these centres, when Marconi met current champions Adelaide City recently a crowd of 1500 was in attendance. What would a well promoted clash between the two Italian clubs have drawn in a country centre like Griffith?

Apart from the financial aspect, which is always a gamble, the benefits derived by the code would have been enormous. These 'adopted' towns can be developed into player nurseries for their city clubs with outstanding talented players invited for short intensive coaching stints with their parent team.

The opportunities for both parties will have no limit, senior players can make periodical visits to their club's proteges conducting coaching clinics, country junior coaches

can learn from their professional counterparts while the National League clubs will have the chance of spotting kids with potential to make the grade.

The country areas of Australia can become a relative goldmine for our clubs, rather than being discouraged with its initial financial failure, Heidelberg should be congratulated for its brave experiment at Shepparton and other clubs who are struggling to broaden their support base could do a lot worse than investigate the

unlimited opportunities that this type of concept can produce.

Our code has suffered from the disease of impatience too often in the past, potentially worthy projects have been discarded without being given sufficient time to develop and should Heidelberg have any doubt about the success of its venture, they can just ask the hundreds of starry eyed, autograph hunting kids of Shepparton.

— FRANK SCICLUNA



Evergreen BUGSY NYSKOHUS heads clear.

Well, Bruce Stowell finally starred for Blackpool City at 42.

English great, Stanley Matthews, was a good player for Blackpool at 44. He inspired Stoke City's revival into the First Division at 48 and played his last game in the First Division at age 50.

Matthews was an example to me.

I had seen him play for Stoke as a child, and then went to Wembley as a 17 year old professional with Newcastle United and watched our team beat Matthews' Blackpool, in the FA Cup Final.

The great man was then in his middle 30's and they said it would be his last appearance at Wembley.

But he came back again to Wembley in an English jersey.

Then nearly 10 years later I met Matthews again.

He was still playing right wing for Blackpool in the First Division and I was left winger for Fulham.

He was 44. He had also lost his speed.

He was still play on the right wing, but in a deeper role where he often took possession of the ball,



What a difference a day makes . . . One week Frank Farina was scoring a hat-trick, the next . . .



Shepparton. Steve Maxwell races past a Heidelberg defender as the Fairfields win 5-1.

NATIONAL SOCCER CAMP AT ARMIDALE

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

WILLIE WALLACE, the former Scottish international will again be conducting Soccer Camp at the University of New England, Armidale next January, along with Australian Director of Coaching Eric Worthington.

The classes will run from January 10/16.

"I have spent several weeks in Britain earlier this year with clubs like Liverpool and Celtic and renewed contacts with many top coaches," Wallace said.

The living legend, Kenny Dalglish, took over from Wallace as the striker in the Celtic team which dominated Soccer in Scotland in the 60s and early 1970s.

"There is considerable interest overseas in what we are doing at Armidale with young players and trainee coaches," Wallace told us.

the National Youth team coach, who has made a very substantial contribution to the outstanding success of the 'Adidas National Soccer Camp,' Wallace told us.

"All that we are concerned with is that the youngsters attending must be enthusiastic and be prepared to work hard," Wallace added.

A special Talent Identification Scheme is in operation which offers scholarships within Australia as well as overseas to outstanding students.

Earlier this year, David Moore of Newcastle spent

responsibility for the trainee coaches.

"We cater for a wide range of abilities through our different courses," he explained.

"Our campers have ranged from the enthusiastic Soccer mum with only limited experience as a spectator, to very experienced coaches who wish to spend a week in residence with our top class staff members.

"More than 2,000 young players and trainee coaches from all states and overseas have joined in in past years for an excellent week."

ONE IN 330

TOMORROW night's (Thursday Aug.19) big OAK Bill Turner Cup final at Macquarie Field Speers Point will determine who is Number One out of 330 entries.

The top four played the semi-finals last night (August 18). Kaleen (ACT) v Liverpool Boys (Sydney) and Umina (Central Coast) v St Peters Maitland (Newcastle-Hunter).

The pre-semi-final favourites Liverpool Boys High earned their position with dramatic victories over Canterbury Boys High and Epping Boys High.

Umina came to the semi-finals outlasting Castle Hill and then downing Newcastle's star team, Merewether. This is Umina's second time in the semi-finals.

St Peters Maitland is only the second non-government school to come this far.



WILLIE WALLACE with two of the camp students.

"We have an ideal set-up at Armidale which has splendid indoor and outdoor facilities immediately adjacent to the living quarters.

"We work the kids from before breakfast until bedtime to extract every ounce of value from our week together.

"We are grateful to our experienced and enthusiastic staff for their efforts at the camp.

"I must pay a particular tribute to Les Scheinflug,

a month in England with the Liverpool and Aston Villa clubs, for winning the Ray Baartz Scholarship.

Both Wallace and Worthington expressed their indebtedness to the co-sponsors, the COMMONWEALTH BANK, DUNLOP, MILO, JET-SET TOURS, PRUDENTIAL and SCHWEPPES.

Another associated sponsor is BDF who organises the injury clinic.

Worthington undertakes a special re-



The thumbs up. Les Scheinflug (right) joins Willie Wallace giving the Uni of New England Camp the seal of approval.

NSW THIRD DIVISION VITAL VARSITY WIN

BY WES SAWINA

THE critical University West United clash produced an enthralling match of extremely high standard.

In a tension packed 90 minutes players from both sides excelled themselves, as the ball moved quickly from end to end in sweeping passing movements.

Although both sides created opportunities, keepers Andrews and Gishborne proved equal to the occasion with several superb saves. It was not till the 60th minute that the deadlock was broken. In one of their few errors, West failed to clear from a corner and paid the price. Tony Popovich made no mistake from 6 metres.

The gripping final 30 minutes saw West mainly strive for an equaliser against a very committed and well organised Uni defence. The two points places the students back in equal second and strengthens their promotions claims.

At Cawarra Park, the local derby between Rooty Hill and Mt. Druitt did not live up to expectations. The match lacked the intensity and atmosphere of previous meetings.

The goal-less draw was repeat of the first round clash with both sides failing to put away their scoring chances. Farrar's penalty save off Guy in the 40th minute probably deprived Hill of a much needed win.

With three rounds remaining either team could still finish in fourth spot.

After several unlucky performances Bondi served notice they intend finishing the season on a high note with a slashing 5-2 win over Concordia. The Marines could well decide the semi-finalists and promotion issues as they still have to play Uni and Wests in their remaining games.

Granville-Chille powered to a 5-2 win against relegation bound North Ryde and provided they overcome Mt. Druitt this weekend looks certain to take out the premiership.

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NSW WOMENS LEAGUE

The WSL Cup is scheduled to kick off on August 30. This year the cup is fashioned on the English FA system where by all teams are welcome to nominate for the cup.

As expected only those teams already in first grade have nominated for the first grade division. In the reserve grade it is a different story, with 10 teams from outside the league participating.

These teams will probably gauge their decision on whether or not to join

the WSL in 1988 on their performance in the cup. One can only hope that teams on the border line will have the courage to enter the league next season and accept the challenge that the league offers.

FIRST GRADE: Manly continued to have a "mini" run of success having defeated Blacktown City last week and gaining a scoreless draw with Epping Eastwood this week.

It was also a good result for Epping-Eastwood following their disappointment in losing to Page-wood last week.

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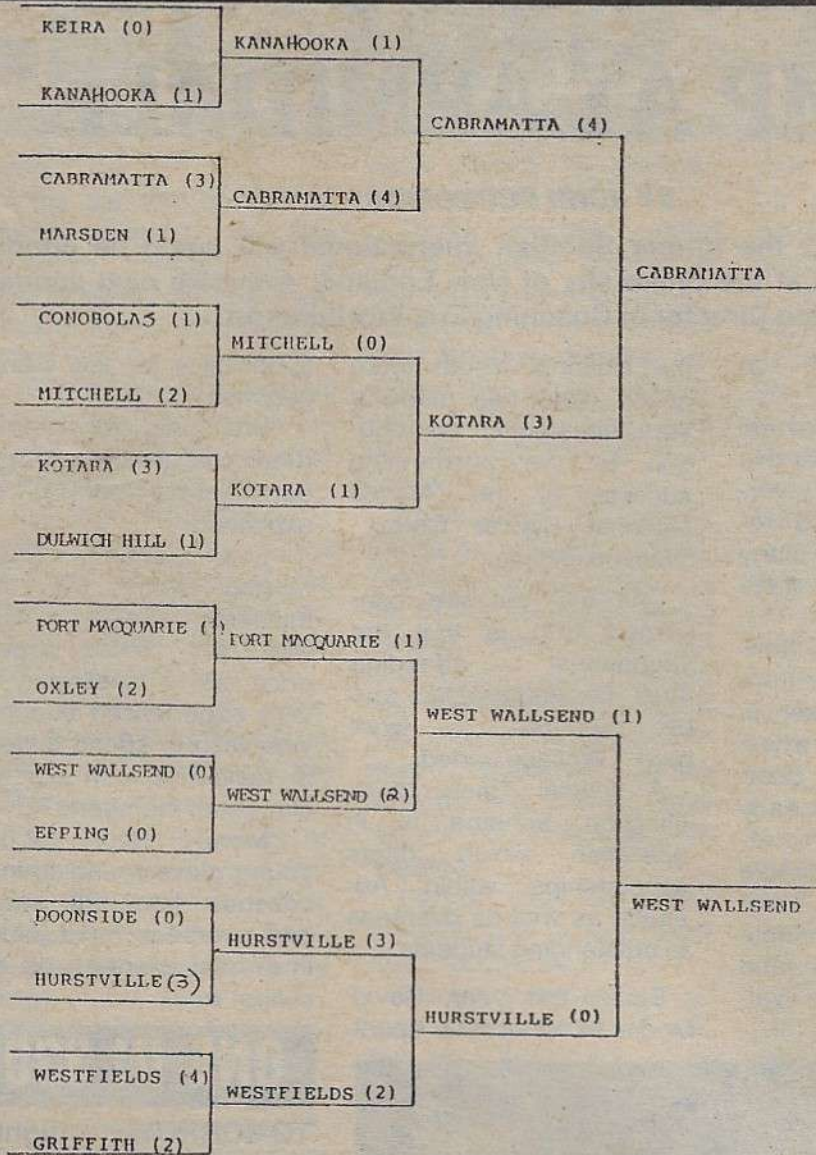
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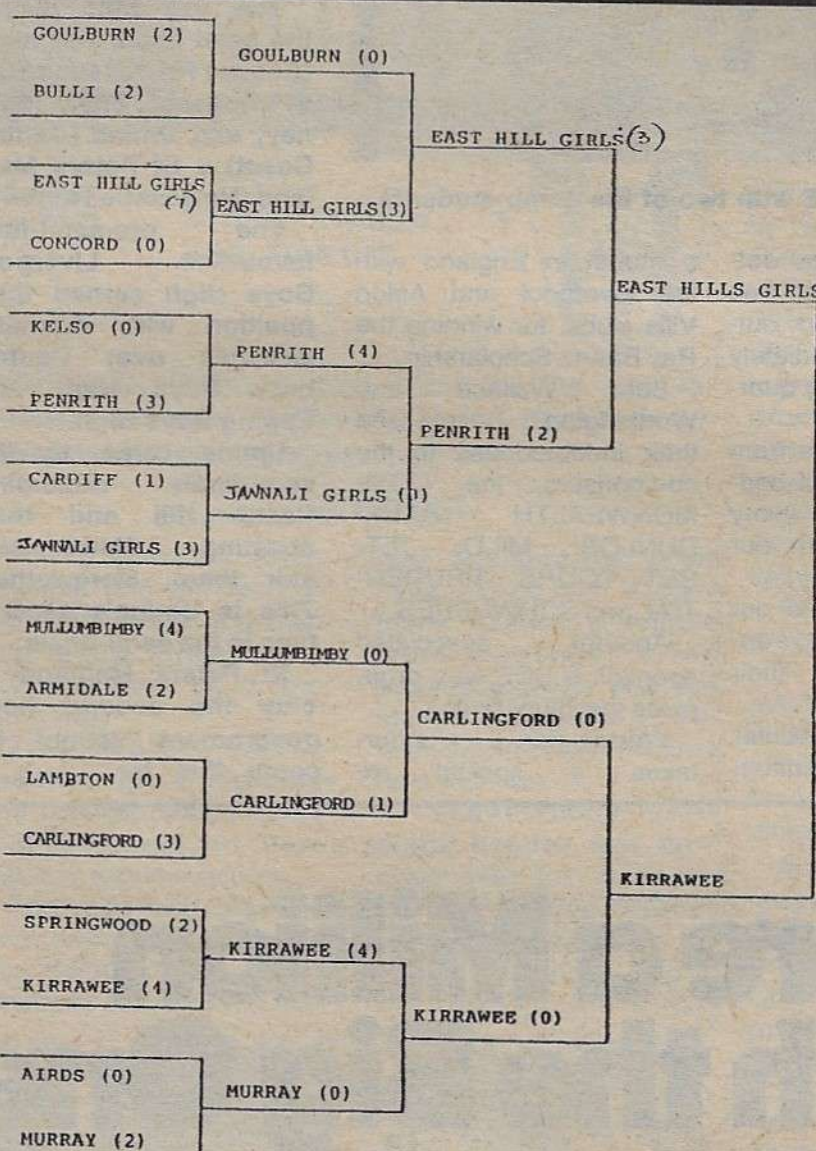
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THE GIRL FROM THE KINGAROY

SOUTH Burnett is something of a Soccer backwater, but in one aspect of the game it may lead the country.

Fourteen year old Peta Quail has become the second Kingaroy player in two years to earn selection in the Australian Under 15 girls team.

Anne-Louise Edwards was the first Kingaroy player included in the honorary team after the national titles in Sydney in 1986.

Peta won her place in the national side after impressive performances at the Australian championships in Brisbane from July 5-11.

Her best effort for Queensland was in the game against Northern NSW on July 9, when her goal enabled the Maroons to draw 1-1.

Playing at centre-half she slotted the equaliser with five minutes remaining on the referee's watch.

This culminated a top performance from the Kingaroy player, who was carried from the field on the shoulders of her team mates.

Peta was formally named as the player of the match against Northern NSW.

She was selected in her second state team on July 18 when she made the Queensland team to play in the Australian schoolgirls titles in Perth in September.

Her sister, Kim, is a shadow player and may be included should any of the selected team or reserves withdraw.

Each Saturday morning Peta lines up with Hornets in the South Burnett under 14 competition, where she plays in the same team as her brother, Adam.

On Saturday afternoons she turns out for the Kingaroy women's team with her sister.

Naomi Hockey from Nanango was the other South Burnett player in the Queensland under 15 team at the Australian under 15 girls Soccer championships.

FROM J N PALMER



Peta Quail in the strip of the Kingaroy womens team clears a ball in a South Burnett competition match.

WESTY BREAKS DROUGHT

PHONES ran hot following the late news broadcast last Monday night that West Wallsend had won its semi-final clash against Hurstville in the Combined High Schools Commonwealth Bank Cup clash.

The Hunter Region's other semi-finalist, Kotara High had earlier been beaten 4-3 by Sydney's Cabramatta High.

In recent years, the Cup series in the Hunter area has not enjoyed the same popularity experienced during the halcyon days from the mid sixties through to the mid seventies.

The last final played at Macquarie Field Speers Point was between Booragul and Wallsend in 1975 when they shared the then Tasman Cup, as they battled it out to a one all draw.

The dominance of a number of the large all boys schools has rightly kept the final in Sydney. In recent years only Whitebridge High has made any impact on the Commonwealth Bank Soccer Cup series for the Hunter area.

In fact, some people even questioned the news report thinking that the announcer had erred in saying that Westy had reached this Thursday night's final against Cabramatta at Marconi Stadium instead of Whitebridge.

But the truth is, West Wallsend has become the first Hunter Region school to reach the final since 1975 and they are to be congratulated.

Coached by Dave Morris, the side is a blend of brilliance and determination.

The custodian is the Australian Under 16 goalkeeper, John Russell, a young man of considerable promise who has played a starring role this year.

Ian Tressider, Scott Baillie and Dean Djakiew have all been prominent and this has had the effect of lifting the standard of the others.

While Cabramatta must be given justifiable favouritism in the final, Hunter Region fans will be assured that the Westy boys will give to the ultimate.



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RUSHY'S CORNER

NEW JUNIOR ELIGIBILITY DATES

1987 will see the introduction of new age eligibility dates.

Approximately 33 per cent of all players playing in all levels of soccer under the direction of the NSW Amateur Soccer Federation will be eligible to play in the same age group next season as they did this year.

To assist you in understanding the new system an Age Eligibility Chart for the 1988 season will be printed on this page next week.

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Blacktown City recently held the final of their Straight Shooter's Competition.

The competition is sponsored by Noel Schmutter Ford and takes the form of an interclub penalty shoot out which is

held at the interval between first and second grade home games.

Greystanes represented Granville Association in the final while their opponents Parklea were representing Blacktown Association.

Goalkeeping duties were shared by Brett Hughes, Australian Youth keeper, and Eddie Battistella, NSW Under 18 keeper, who between them were beaten 15 times, which is an indication of the quality of shooting.

In a close competition which was decided with the last shot of the day, Parklea ran out winners by eight goals to seven.

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After yet another weekend of washed out matches, NSW competition secretary Bill Cullinan has decided to delay

the Youth League quarter and semi-finals for one week to allow the cancelled games to be played this weekend.

The quarter-finals will now be played on August 29 with the semi-finals to take place on September 5.

In most competitions the final four have now been decided with only the all important finishing order to be finalised.

Next week I will include all the final tables and club championship as well as take a look at how I fared with my earlier predictions and make some suggestions as to the likely outcome of the upcoming finals series.

Next year I expect to see a number of changes to the Youth League structure and one idea being looked at is the introduction of an Under 17 Youth League at the expense of the Under 16s.

This would allow players to play an extra year in Youth League before attempting to gain a contract and hopefully will bring more continuity to the game.

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The majority of cancelled games this year have been on grounds under the control of NSL and leading State league clubs.

U14 FINAL AT CROMER

NEWTOWN Wellesley U14 team from Boston Massachusetts reached the final of the special Manly Warringah competition.

They will play Manly Warringah Under 14 representative for the honours at Cromer Park today (Wednesday) at 4pm.

NSW YOUTH LEAGUE

QUARTER finals and semi-finals have been moved back one week.

Quarter finals will now be played August 29 and semi-finals on September 5.

The finals stay as September 12 as per original program.

This weekend August 22 will be utilised to play washed out and deferred games, mainly in Group 1.

CLUB CHAMPIONS
APIA-LEICHHARDT
Congratulations!

Generally it is understandable that clubs wish to maintain their grounds in the very best of condition for the senior games. However it has caused major headaches for the Competition Secretary and perhaps these clubs could be asked to supply an alternate ground of youth league standard to reduce the number of cancelled games to an absolute minimum.

Best of luck to all those teams participating in the upcoming finals series. To all those players who missed out it is hoped that you enjoyed your year and will be back next year with a renewed enthusiasm.



Players from Castle Hill clinic receive coaching on some of the finer points of heading.

CUP FINALS

THIS SUNDAY — AUGUST 23

STATE, ROBERTSON & AMATEUR CUPS
at Stanwell Park, Ashcroft.

U14 STATE CUP

Canley Heights v Liverpool Albion
10.30am

U16 STATE CUP

Winston Hills v Greystanes 11.45am

U18 STATE CUP

West Pennant Hills v Pendle Hill 1.45pm

U21 ROBERTSON CUP

East Bankstown v Lilli Pili 3.45pm

NSW AUSTRALLOYD AMATEUR CUP

Epping YMCA v Menai Hawks 5.45pm

See this great day of NSW Cup final football!

METROPOLITAN REPRESENTATIVES

As at Round 10

Under 11	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Southern Dists	10	9	1	-	29	4	19
St George	10	8	1	1	28	6	17
Granville	10	8	-	2	24	11	16
Sutherland	10	6	3	1	15	7	15
Bankstown	10	6	1	3	21	14	13
Macarthur	10	4	2	4	13	15	10
Nepean	10	2	5	3	11	17	9
Gladesville	10	3	2	5	9	14	8
South & East	9	3	2	4	7	18	8
Central Coast	10	2	4	4	5	17	8
Canterbury	10	2	3	5	7	23	7
Blacktown	9	2	2	5	4	27	6

Under 12

Bankstown	10	8	1	1	17	6	17
Granville	10	8	0	2	19	5	16
Illawarra	9	5	3	1	17	7	13
Nepean	10	5	3	2	16	12	13
Gladesville	10	4	4	2	18	12	12
Blacktown	9	5	2	2	11	7	12
Sutherland	10	4	3	3	11	9	11
St George	10	4	2	4	24	22	10
Southern Dist	8	4	1	3	9	7	9
Canterbury	10	3	3	4	13	16	9
Macarthur	10	2	0	8	13	22	4
Central Coast	10	0	4	6	7	20	4
South & East	9	1	0	8	7	21	2
M-Warringah	9	0	2	7	2	18	2

NSW Youth League ROUND 26

SUNDAY 15th AUGUST

GROUP A	U13	U14	U15	U16
Marconi	v	Sydney Olympic	washedout	
Blacktown City	v	Central Coast	washedout	
APIA	v	Nepean	4-1	5-0
Gladesville	v	St George	1-3	0-2
Sydney City	v	Melita	0-9	0-3
Sthn Districts	v	Illawarra	washedout	2-0
Ku-ring-gai	v	Cant/Marrick	1-6	-

GROUP B

Macarthur	v	Sutherland	1-0	1-0	0-3	0-0
C'town City	v	Manly	1-2	0-5	1-3	1-3
Polonia	v	Nth Bankstown	washedout			
Avala	v	Uruguay/Pen	1-0	0-2	1-1	1-1
Bankstown	v	Croatia	washedout			
Blacktown	v	Rockdale	washedout			
Yugal	v	Canterbury	0-10	0-3	0-7	0-0

METROPOLITAN REPRESENTATIVES

			U12	U11
Illawarra	v	Granville	2-1	
Nepean	v	St George	6-0	0-6
Gladesville	v	Sutherland	1-0	3-1
Manly	v	Macarthur	1-2	
Central Coast	v	Blacktown	2-1	6-1
South & East	v	Bankstown	2-5	4-2

RUSHY'S FUTURE STAR

NAME: Sean Scott.
BIRTHDATE: 15.10.69

HOME: Sutherland.
PRESENT CLUB: Kingsford.

PRESENT COACHES: Joe Watson, John Stevenson, Alan Vest.

PREVIOUS CLUBS: Sydney City juniors, Sutherland Reps.

PREVIOUS COACHES: Jeff Harlome, Eddie Thomson, Mick Hickman, Kaz Kulak.

FAVOURITE POSITION: Sweeper.
POSITIONS PLAYED: Central Defence.
REP HONOURS: NSW U16s.

OTHER HONOURS: Training with Chelsea in UK, NSW Soccer Academy.

FAVOURITE PLAYERS: Michel Platini, Gary Lineker, Kerry Dixon.

MOST MEMORABLE MOMENT: Grand Final U16 National Championships.

BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Losing the above Final. Departure of Sydney City.

OTHER SPORTS: Touch Football, Cricket, Water Sports.

1987 AIMS: A successful HSC and to win the championship.

LONG TERM AMBITIONS: Represent Australia and to play to the best of my ability.

GREATEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: Father, Family and Coaches.

ALAN VEST'S OPINION: Sean has developed quietly over the past year and he is now maturing as a player.

FITNESS FOR SOCCER

BY STEVE DARBY

ANAEROBIC TRAINING

Speed is essential to the young Soccer player and he must be able to sprint from between two and 30 metres many times in a game.

Although speed 15 mainly genetic (fast twitch body fibres), speed can be improved through the principle of overload, using interval training. A sample schedule could be.

DISTANCE	REPETITIONS	TIME	REST
10 metres	10	3 secs	9 secs
15	8	4	12
25	10	5	15
30	5	10	30
10	5	5	15

The overload which can be achieved by either shortening the rest period or lengthening the distance ran, could be:

DISTANCE	REPETITIONS	TIME	REST
10 metres	15	3 secs	9 secs
15	10	4	12
25	12	5	15
30	5	8	24
10	5	3	9

These sprints can be done with or without a ball. It will hurt but the benefits are worth it.

NSW AMATEUR SOCCER FEDERATION

Applications are invited for the positions of coach, manager and trainer for the 1988 Under 13 NSW state team.

Applications should be made in writing, stating qualifications and previous experience, to:

MRS FLORENCE STEPHENSON
SECRETARY,
482 MEURANTS LANE
PARKLEA

Applications close 14.9.87

NEW SOUTH WALES

STATE BANK SOCCER LEAGUE

	1st	2nd
Sutherland v Ku-ring-gai	2-3	1-1
Warringah F/Water v Manly Warringah	2-1	2-1
Canberra City v Uruguayan Penrith	2-2	4-0
Cant M'ville Oly v Rockdale	0-0	0-2
Blacktown City v Wollongong Mac	1-0	9-0
Wollongong City v Melita Eagles	1-2	1-2
Newcastle Rosebud v Inter Monaro	1-1	N/P

	2-2	1-0	1-1
Avala v Campbelltown	2-2	1-0	1-1
Gladesville Hby v Queens Park	3-0	4-0	0-1
Polonia v SSC Yugal	0-0	5-1	1-3
Bathurst '75 v Fairy Meadow	2-1	2-0	3-0
Nth Bankstown v Sydney Maccabi	5-0	5-1	10-0
Nth Syd Artarmon v Dee Why	1-0	1-0	0-0
Kingsford v Blacktown Uni	1-0	5-1	6-2

	2-2	0-4	2-1
Canterbury v Moorebank	2-2	0-4	2-1
Granville Chile v Nth Ryde RSL	5-2	0-3	0-2
Rooty Hill v Mt Druitt	0-0	5-1	2-2
Uni of NSW v West United	1-0	0-5	0-3
King Tomislav v Baulkham Hills	4-2	1-6	0-4
Campbelltown v Port Hacking	NP	NP	NP
Bondi Marine v Concordia	5-2	2-0	0-0

	0-0	3-0
Sydney Uni v Pagewood	0-0	3-0
Dulwich Hill v Rosebery	2-0	1-2
Nineveh Eagles v West St George	2-1	0-3
Spanish Club v Hawkesbury	2-0	0-3
Chelsea v Padstow Park	2-1	3-0
Eastwood v Fairfield	4-2	0-1

	2-2	1-0
Trasandinos v Liverpool City	2-2	1-0
Greenisland v Concord Juniors	1-1	2-2
Chile Sports v Haberfield Peru	2-0	0-0
Macquarie Uni v Rangers Hajduk	0-4	3-1
CSI Schofields v Welcome Sports	NP	NP
Maroubra v Wentworth	3-2	2-0

	3-0	4-2
Lansvale United v Castle Hill	3-0	4-2
Lithgow v Abruzzi	1-0	0-1
Colo Colo v SSC Zagreb	1-2	0-2
Argentinian v Petersham	1-1	1-1
Petersham v Cyprus United	1-1	0-5
Murray Farm v Crescent Star	1-8	1-3
Blacktown Wanderers v Argentinian	NP	NP
Lansvale v Macedonia Yag	NP	NP

	0-6	1-7
Luddenham Croatia v Greystanes	0-6	1-7
Cobrolo v Chullora	2-1	3-2
Alexander v Liverpool Oly	3-1	3-2
Prospect v Lebanon	1-0	6-2
Hellas v Arncliffe RSL	2-0	1-4
Assyrian v Orange Waratah	0-3	0-3
Arncliffe RSL v Luddenham	3-1	0-0

NSW First Division Second Grade

Blacktown City	22	18	4	0	74	13	40
Freshwater	23	14	4	5	10	19	40
Melita Eagles	22	16	1	5	68	20	33
Sutherland	23	14	3	6	52	25	31
Canberra	23	11	1	11	45	24	23
Ku-ring-gai	23	8	6	9	26	25	22
Uruguayan	23	9	4	10	38	45	22
W'gong City	23	9	2	12	31	41	20
W'gong Macc	22	7	4	11	24	42	18
Canterbury	21	8	1	12	36	47	17
Rockdale	21	5	4	12	25	38	14
Manly	20	4	3	13	12	34	11
Newcastle	22	3	4	15	18	53	10
Inter Monaro	20	2	3	15	15	69	7

STATE LEAGUE DIV 3 GR 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Rooty Hill	23	16	6	1	83	24	38
Baulk Hills	22	16	3	3	68	25	35
C'belltown	22	14	7	1	47	16	35
West Utd	22	9	5	5	28	28	28
Bondi Mar	22	12	4	6	42	29	28
Moorebank	21	11	4	6	49	27	26
N Ryde	22	11	2	9	56	37	24
G-Chile	23	8	5	10	43	41	21
K. Tomislav	22	7	4	11	28	48	18
Mt Druitt	23	4	6	13	33	61	14
Port Hacking	22	5	3	14	27	53	13
Uni NSW	22	5	3	14	23	55	13
Canterbury	23	5	1	17	29	74	11
Concordia	23	2	3	18	13	72	8

STATE LEAGUE DIV 3 GR 3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Baulk Hills	22	15	6	2	47	7	36
Bondi Mar	22	14	8	0	48	19	36
Mt Druitt	22	13	7	3	38	17	33
Rooty Hill	23	13	5	5	59	35	31
West Utd	22	11	4	7	41	26	26
K. Tomislav	22	6	10	6	25	22	22
Port Hacking	22	7	8	22	31	21	21
Canterbury	23	8	12	23	32	19	19
N Ryde	22	6	6	10	37	40	18
C'belltown	22	6	6	10	28	31	18
G-Chile	23	4	8	11	28	40	16
Moorebank	21	4	6	11	20	35	14
Concordia	23	4	6	13	24	55	14
Uni NSW	22	3	2	17	16	62	8

NSL YOUTH LEAGUE NORTH

OLYMPIC 5 (M. Lardis, J. Bennett, D. Barrett, H. Adamou), URUGUAY 0, MARCONI 1 (D. Lowe) ST GEORGE 1 (K. Slavicek), MANLY 1 (B. Wills) WARRINGAH 0, SUTHERLAND 2 (T. Clark 2) APIA 2 (V. Masi, L. Djordjieski), MELITA 2 (S. Gilbert 2) CANTERBURY 1 (Karavatsis).
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	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Olympic	17	16	1	0	58	7	33
St George	16	11	3	2	61	14	25
Melita	16	10	1	5	31	26	21
Apia	14	8	4	2	38	9	20
Marconi	17	9	2	6	44	25	20
Croatia	15	8	2	5	47	19	18
Sutherland	16	4	5	7	27	29	13
Manly	17	5	2	10	22	52	12
Uruguay	16	3	1	12	43	7	7
Canterbury	15	1	3	11	7	48	5
Warringah	17	1	0	16	5	84	2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
G-Chile	23	14	5	4	65	19	33
West Utd	22	14	2	6	50	27	30
Uni of NSW	22	14	2	6	43	23	30
Rooty Hill	23	12	5	6	46	24	29
Mt Druitt	23	9	5	9	25	44	27
C'belltown	22	8	9	5	37	24	25
Concordia	23	10	4	9	36	24	24
Port Hacking	22	11	1	10	35	37	23
K. Tomislav	22	7	4	11	36	59	18
Baulk Hills	22	7	4	11	30	38	18
Bondi Mar	22	6	5	11	36	37	17
Moorebank	21	4	8	9	24	31	16
Canterbury	23	6	2	15	26	79	14
Nth Ryde	22	3	2	17	17	68	8

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
23: Zoran Illic (St. George)	17	10	3	4	44	14	23
17: Tony Krslovic (Croatia)	14	10	3	1	36	11	23
14: Chris Ackley (Marconi)	13	10	3	0	36	11	23
13: Jason Bennett (Olympic)	10	10	3	0	36	11	23
10: Joe Russo (Marconi)	10	10	3	0	36	11	23
Tony Parson (APIA)	10	10	3	0	36	11	23

Next week's matches:

SUN: 23/8/87 Croatia v Sutherland at Croatian Sports Centre 12.15pm, Canterbury v Manly at Cromer Park 10.40am, St George v Melita at St George Stadium 12.15pm, APIA v Marconi at Lambert Park 12.15pm.
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NSL YOUTH LEAGUE SOUTH

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Brunswick Juv.	17	11	5	1	51	16	27
Sunshine G.C.	16	14	2	0	55	15	26
South Melbourne	16	11	2	3	36	14	25
Cauffield	17	7	6	4	36	29	20
Preston Mak	16	7	5	4	40	19	19
Heidelberg	17	8	2	7	41	45	18
Footscray	15	6	1	8	27	35	13
Melb Croatia	14	5	3	6	22	33	13
Clairinda	16	5	1	10	26	41	11
Brighton	16	4	2	10	23	30	10
Oakleigh	15	4	2	9	29	50	10
Waverley City	17	3	2	12	22	67	8
Nunawading City	14	2	2	10	19	29	6

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
MELBOURNE CROATIA 1 (Music)	17	11	5	1	51	16	27
HEIDELBERG UNITED 0, CLAIRINDA 3 (Kazias 3) BRIGHTON 2 (Domenko, Kour-tis), OAKLEIGH 0 CAULFIELD CITY 0.	16	14	2	0	55	15	26
SUNSHINE G.X. 3 (Zacharias 2, Richardson) NUNAWADING 1 (Cogswell), PRE-STON 0 BRUNSWICK 1 (Robertson).	16	11	2	3	36	14	25
SOUTH MELBOURNE 4 (Lennon, Karakit-sos, Kalogeros, Taliators) WAVERLEY CITY 0.	17	7	6	4	36	29	20

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Maribyrnong	23	16	3	4	68	24	35
Box Hill	22	11	7	4	42	27	29
Green Gully	23	11	5	7	51	26	27
St Albans	22	12	3	7	55	40	27
Morwell Falcons	22	10	7	5	42	28	27
Broadmeadows	21	12	2	7	49	30	26
Fawkner	21	11	4	6	46	40	26
Thomastown	22	10	5	7	36	29	25
Croydon City	20	7	9	4	37	28	23
Cauffield City	23	9	11	5	58	67	21
Northote City	22	5	10	7	39	44	20
Springvale City	22	5	3	14	26	54	13
Western Subs	23	5	3	15	46	73	13
Frankston Pines	21	4	2	15	34	77	10
Oakleigh	21	2	2	17	24	76	6

VICTORIA

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Ringwood City	21	15	2	4	36	12	32
Bulleen	20	14	2	4	28	13	30
Sunbury Utd	21	12	5	4	31	17	29
Altona Gate	21	11	5	5	31	15	27
Nth Dandenong	21	12	2	7	31	19	26
Knox City	21	10	5	6	32	22	25
Albion Rovers	21	10	4	7	29	24	24
Essendon City	20	8	5	7	33	24	21
Werrimbee	21	5	9	7	19	21	19
Richmond	21	1	12	8	12	30	14
Nunawading City	21	3	7	11	18	23	13
SM Mordialloc	21	3	7	11	21	37	13
Doncaster Rvrs	21	3	4	14	16	46	10
Melbourne	21	2	5	14	10	43	9

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Altona Gate	21	13	4	5	30	30	30
Nth Dandenong	20	13	2	5	42	25	28
Knox City	20	11	8	1	51	25	25
Nunawading City	19	11	3	5	37	23	25
Essendon City	20	9	5	6	41	33	23
Bulleen	20	9	5	6	40	36	30
Doncaster Rvrs	19	9	4	6	40	37	22
Ringwood City	19	10	1	8	47	31	21
Werrimbee	21	6	6	9	29	38	18
Melbourne	20	6	4	10	29	27	16
Sunbury Utd	21	6	3	12	41	54	15
SM Mordialloc	21	5	4	12	38	45	14
Albion	19	5	2	12	28	43	12
Richmond	19	5	2	14	23	86	8

City 1 v Knox City 2, Doncaster Rvls 0 v Altona Gate 3.

RESERVES

Albion 2 v SM Mordialloc 0, Richmond 4
 Sunbury Utd 2, Melbourne 1 v Werribee
 Nunawading City 3 v Bullen 1, Ringwood City
 1 v Nth Dandenong 3, Essendon City 1 v Knox

City 1, Doncaster Rvrs 7 v Altona Gate 3.

VIC 2 FIRST

Nth Geelong 1 v Prahran City 0, Mornington 0 v Richmond United 3, Westgate 0 v Sandringham 1, Doveton 4 v Hamlyn Rgrs Mooroolbark 2 v Dandenong City 1, Eltham v Waverley City 3, Clifton Hill 2 v Altona City 1.

Frankston Pines	12	1	0	10	4	59	2
NORTHERN A							
Lalor	12	9	2	1	39	16	20
Heidelberg Utd.	12	8	3	1	45	8	19
Fawkner	12	5	5	2	17	9	15
Thornhill	12	6	2	4	24	18	14
Bulleen	12	6	1	5	22	14	13
Preston B.	12	5	2	5	10	13	12
Northcote City A.	12	3	6	16	25	9	8
Melb Croatia	12	3	2	7	14	38	8
Passcoe Vale	12	2	8	15	27	6	8
North Reservoir	12	1	2	9	12	46	4

NORTHERN B							
New C'wood Utd.	10	8	1	1	37	3	17
B.U. Juventus B.	11	8	1	2	31	17	17
Regent	11	5	4	2	19	10	14
Greensborough	11	4	4	3	18	13	12
Moreland Mdw.	11	4	3	4	12	16	11
Northcote City B.	10	3	3	4	14	25	9
Broadmeadows	11	3	2	6	17	26	8
Lalor United	9	1	1	7	10	35	4
Bundoora	10	1	1	8	6	28	3

RICOH S/L							
Preston A.	12	9	0	3	28	10	18
Croydon City A.	10	7	2	1	23	6	16
Seaford	11	7	1	3	18	9	15
B.U. Juventus A.	12	4	6	1	7	14	7
St Albans	12	5	3	4	15	11	13
Altona Gate A.	10	5	2	3	12	7	12
Oakleigh A.	11	3	4	4	19	10	9
St Melb Hls A.	11	3	3	5	9	15	9
Mornington A.	12	2	0	10	8	35	4
Sp'vale Utd.	11	0	1	10	4	31	1

WESTERN A							
Green Gully	12	9	2	1	35	6	20
S.S.G.X.	12	7	4	1	35	13	18
Nth Geelong	12	9	0	3	35	15	18
Yarraville	12	8	2	2	25	12	18
Brunswick City	12	4	3	5	22	18	11
Geelong City	12	3	4	5	13	26	10
East Altona	12	2	5	5	18	15	9
Footscray	12	4	0	8	20	21	8
Altona City	12	2	2	8	5	37	6
Keilor	12	0	1	10	11	55	2

WESTERN B							
Werrimbee	11	9	2	0	56	11	20
Manlympong Utd.	11	7	2	2	40	12	16
Highpoint	9	7	0	2	33	19	14
West United	11	5	3	3	23	12	13
Albion	10	4	2	4	20	10	10
Altona Gate B.	11	3	3	5	18	29	9
Corio-Ging Utd.	10	3	2	5	14	23	8
Sydenham Park	11	1	9	11	50	3	8
Hamlyn Rangers	10	0	1	9	5	44	1

EASTERN C							
Mordialloc	6	5	0	1	23	2	10
Ferntree Gully	6	5	0	1	29	2	10
Mulgrave	5	4	0	1	26	2	8
Chelsea	5	2	0	3	16	13	4
Clayton	5	2	0	3	19	4	4
Sp'vale Condors	2	0	2	0	6	0	0
East Richmond B.	4	0	0	4	1	18	0
Sp'vale Cy B.	3	0	0	3	0	26	0

EASTERN D							
Dandenong City	12	10	1	1	82	7	21
Oakleigh B.	12	10	1	1	40	9	21
Berwick City	12	8	2	2	38	12	18
Port Melbourne	12	5	3	4	31	21	13
Doveton	11	6	0	5	16	23	12
Croydon City B.	11	3	5	3	12	9	11
Glen Waverley	12	2	3	7	12	41	7
Mornington B.	12	2	3	7	36	7	7
Hastings	12	2	2	8	10	35	6

UNDER 15 EASTERN A							
Sp'vale City	10	7	2	1	20	6	16
Waverley City	10	7	2	1	18	8	16
Hawthorn A.	11	6	1	4	25	15	13
Oakleigh	10	6	1	3	29	15	13
Doncaster Rvrs A.	11	4	3	4	18	19	11
Malvern City	10	4	2	4	17	15	10
Lyndale	11	3	4	4	14	15	10
Mooroolbark	11	2	2	7	7	20	6
Sp'vale Condors	11	0	1	10	8	40	1
Sh Sp'vale	1	0	1	1	0	3	0

EASTERN B							
Clayton	12	10	2	0	84	17	22
Caulfield City A.	11	7	2	2	35	16	16
S.M. Hellas	9	6	2	1	31	13	14
Karingal A.	10	4	2	4	15	22	10
Nunawading City	10	4	3	2	22	31	10
Brighton A.	11	4	1	6	18	43	9
Ferntree Gully	9	3	2	4	28	19	8
Glen Waverley	10	1	0	9	12	33	2
Box Hill	9	0	1	8	10	53	1

EASTERN C							
Brighton B.	10	10	0	0	73	3	20
Croydon City	11	9	0	2	60	20	18
Skye Rovers B.	11	6	2	3	15	20	14
Pakenham	11	5	2	4	18	19	12
Monbulk	10	3	2	5	12	30	8
Seaford	9	3	1	5	17	22	7
Karingal B.	11	3	1	7	17	31	7
Doncaster Rvrs B.	9	0	4	5	27	4	4
Cranbourne	10	1	0	9	14	57	2

NTH WEST A							
Moreland Mdw.	12	8	0	4	36	23	16
Geelong City	12	6	4	2	26	15	16
Green Gully	11	7	1	3	35	15	15
Fawkner	11	6	3	2	22	8	15
Northcote City	12	5	3	3	30	25	13
Bulleen	12	5	3	4	17	13	13
Thornhill	12	5	2	5	25	16	12
Lalor	12	3	4	5	20	19	10
Nth Reservoir	12	1	9	14	45	4	4
Broadmeadows	12	1	2	9	14	52	4

NTH WEST B							
B.U. Juventus	6	5	1	0	28	7	11
Sydenham Park	6	5	0	1	23	9	10
Clifton Hill	6	3	1	2	27	7	7
Yarraville	6	2	0	4	17	17	4
Sunbury	6	1	1	4	5	21	3
St Marks	6	0	1	5	4	33	1

NTH WEST C							
Western Suburbs	7	5	1	1	27	8	11
Greensborough	8	5	1	2	13	9	11
North United	7	4	2	1	20	11	10
Albion	8	3	2	3	27	12	8
Sunshine Park	8	3	2	3	24	11	8
Mossfield B.	5	0	5	1	28	0	0
Hawthorn B.	5	0	5	4	37	0	0

RICOH S/L							
S.S.G.X.	12	9	2	1	34	8	20
Knox City	12	8	0	4	25	10	16
Skye Rovers A.	12	6	4	2	21	11	16
Melb Croatia	12	5	4	3	26	16	14
Altona Gate	11	5	4	2	21	15	14
Preston	12	3	7	2	14	13	13
Footscray	11	4	3	4	23	23	11
East Richmond	12	2	4	6	12	39	8
Heidelberg Utd.	12	1	3	8	21	5	8
Mossfield	12	0	1	11	3	31	1

UNDER 16 EASTERN A							
Bulleen	11	9	1	1	27	6	19
Seaford	12	8	2	2	34	15	18
Sp'vale Utd.	11	8	2	1	23	6	18
Sp'vale Condors	12	5	2	5	24	18	12
Ferntree Gully	12	5	1	6	23	27	11
Nunawading City	12	5	0	7	22	23	10
Waverley City A.	11	4	2	5	14	20	10
Clairdale	12	4	1	7	16	32	9
Sp'vale City	11	2	2	7	15	21	6
Keysborough	12	1	1	10	9	39	3

EASTERN B							
Port Melbourne	9	8	0	1	45	8	16
East Richmond	10	7	1	2	47	15	15
Berwick City	9	6	1	2	29	9	13
Karingal	9	4	2	3	17	16	10
Sandringham	9	4	1	4	27	15	9

Doncaster Rvrs	9	3	1	5	26	24	7
Melbourne	9	1	0	8	26	58	2
Beaumaris	8	0	0	8	4	77	0
NTH WEST A							
Clifton Hill	12	10	0	2	34	11	20
Fawkner	12	9	2	1	34	12	20
Meadow Park A.	12	9	1	2	26	14	19
Nth Geelong	12	8	1	1	31	16	17
Lalor United	12	7	1	4	38	15	15
Melb Croatia	12	5	1	6	17	19	11
West United	12	3	3	6	14	25	9
Altona City	12	2	1	9	23	32	5
Ascot Vale City	12	2	0	10	17	35	4
Bundoora	12	0	0	12	10	62	0

NTH WEST B							
Essendon City	11	10	0	1	97	12	20
Heidelberg Utd.	10	8	0	2	72	12	16
Werrimbee	10	7	0	3	57	16	14
Greensborough	11	7	0	4	36	26	14
Prahran	10	6	0	4	30	20	12
Hamlyn Rangers	10	5	1	4	26	33	11
Meadow Park B.	10	2	0	8	20	39	4
Eltham	10	1	1	8	8	81	3
Melton	10	1	0	9	8	91	2

RICOH S/L							
S'shine Heights	12	9	1	2	35	23	19
Malvern City	12	7	2	3	43	24	16
S.S.G.X.	12	7	2	3	37	14	16
Lalor	12	5	4	3	21	14	14
St Springvale	12	4	4	4	21	21	12
B.U. Juventus	12	5	5	8	22	12	12
Caulfield City	12	5	0	7	19	24	10
Preston	12	3	2	7	12	19	8
Oakleigh	11	3	2	6	18	26	

AMPOL FINAL DELAYS TRIPLE CONGESTION

QUEENSLAND

BY GREG RUSSELL

WITH a three-way tie at the top of the Queensland XXXX League looming, the competition takes a break this weekend for the Ampol Cup final between Coalstars and Olympic.

And Lions, Azzurri Brisbane City and North Star will welcome the week off to take stocks and prepare for the final three rounds which are set to be the most exciting in Queensland Soccer for seasons.

Lions have edged to a two-point lead over Azzurri Brisbane City and North Star, but are lucky to be there after an own goal at Easts last weekend gave them a 1-1 draw.

The Richlands team, which is looking to bounce straight back into the NSL, has a tricky run into the finals.

Lions' next fixture is against North Star, which if they lose and City beats Coalstars, will bring on the three-way tie.

Lions would still stay on top on goal difference - which could well be what decides the league in a month.

North Star, who went 17 rounds without defeat, believe they have the wood on Lions and will win at Richlands.

But their form of late is not as convincing. After losing their undefeated record at Ipswich United a fortnight ago, North Star were beaten at home last weekend 2-1 by Azzurri.

But the match was a classic, with Azzurri keeper Wayne Evans outstan-

ding. North Star fought the entire way, and with some suggestion that the winning goal was offside, they were desperately unlucky not to walk away with a point.

The result allowed City to climb above North Star on goal difference only. And it was a golden opportunity for Lions to draw three clears at the top had they won at Easts.

But a Lions defeat was on the cards until substitute Darren Playle, who had been on the park only 10 minutes, put into his own net with just 52 seconds of the match remaining.

While the top of the table is developing into a cliff hanger finish, the relegation issue is becoming clearer and last-placed Taringa Rovers got one foot on the slide to Division Two when they could only draw 1-1 with second bottom Grange Thistle. Taringa needed a win to leapfrog Thistle. Rovers now need to score a win in their last three matches to avoid the drop.

With the Cup final this weekend, all eyes were on finalists Olympic United and Coalstars, and both emerged winners in their weekend match, but the round proved more costly for Olympic than Coalstars.

Olympic beat Rochdale 3-2, but the Goodwin Parkers lost talented midfielder Graham Wilson after he was sent-off on a charge of fighting with Rochdale's John

McDaid. Olympic lodged an appeal but it seemed unlikely the experienced Wilson would be cleared to take part in Sunday's final.

On the other hand Coalstars, the Cup holders, had a morale boosting 1-0 win over Ipswich United in their local derby with Mark Brusasco yet again being the Coalstars' scorer. The win was Coalstars' first ever derby victory over their neighbours since both teams came back into the top competition four years ago.

In the other match last weekend, Mount Gravatt kept their slim semi-final hopes alive by beating Redlands 3-0 at Dittmer Park. The two clubs clash again this weekend. The Hawks must win and hope fourth-placed Easts drop points in the final three rounds to make the semis.



WAYNE FARNSWORTH heads for an early show-er during the NSW State Bank match between Melita and Wollongong City. Photo courtesy Illawarra Mercury.

SOUTH
AUSTRALIA

ADELAIDE HELLAS NEARS NSL

BY TOM MCKAIN

ADELAIDE HELLAS moved nearer to national soccer with their new Scottish import Albert Kidd a hit last weekend.

By beating Cumberland 2-0 away from home on Saturday Hellas, inspired by the former Dundee professional, jumped into top place on the SA State League table while their rivals all drew.

Previous leader Croatia were held 0-0 by Birkalla, as were Beograd by Para Hills, and Salisbury drew 2-2 with Polonia.

This leaves the table reading -- Hellas 30, Croatia 29, Beograd 29 and Salisbury 29 with only two rounds to play.

Hellas have a dream finish with both games at home at Hindmarsh Stadium, the first on Saturday against Polonia and the finale on Sunday week against Campbelltown.

The former NSL champions are once more favourites to earn a place in the West End National League play-offs.

They could seal up the play-off berth against Victoria and Queensland champions this weekend as Beograd takes on the battling Birkalla, while Croatia meet the improving Lion.

The latter are charging home with nothing to lose but a place in the Ampol Cup summer series to gain if they can get into seventh place from their current eighth spot.

Salisbury will be strengthened by the return of striker Tony Gasparetto after suspension, and Peter Griffiths (pulled driving muscle) and look safe at home against Azzurri, but

are away behind on goal difference.

On paper Croatia, Beograd and Salisbury can still win the title, but Hellas now look in championship form.

Kidd brought experience to the midfield, not seen since Graham Honeyman had to drop out with plastered ligaments seven weeks ago.

The new import showed plenty of class, sharpness and skills against Cumberland and was involved in

both goals which came from Lou Hristodoulou, and Gary Price.

And on Saturday Hellas will have suspended pair Brenton Hiern and Steve Papadopoulos returning along with George Konstandopoulos who missed the Cumberland match because of injury.

If things go wrong this weekend there is one more round for Hellas to make amends.

Then they will be able to sit back on the Saturday and know exactly what

they have to do on the Sunday against last year's champions Campbelltown who were held 1-1 last weekend by Lion.

The three challengers won't find it easy as the also-rans appear to be finding a new lease of life.

In that final round Beograd have to visit Lion, Salisbury go to Para Hills, and Croatia visit Cumberland.

Hellas now have the break and they appear to be off and running towards the 1988 West End League.

NSW SECOND DIVISION

FOR the last home game of the season Bathurst '75 put in a very determined effort to make it a real winner.

BY DIANE MOORE

At the start of the game Bathurst pressured Fairy Meadow all the way and was rewarded with a goal in the first five minutes by Peter Hadley.

The game then continued at a furious pace with the crowd loving every minute of it.

Fairy Meadow came close to scoring on a few occasions but was thwarted by the efforts of the '75 team goalkeeper.

The second half began at the same pace left off in the first with Fairy Meadow having a better part of it.

Yugal 0 Polonia 0

This was the big clash between last year's premiers and this year's premiers. The conditions on the ground were very heavy

with a sea of mud and made play a real test.

The game was fast and hard with Polonia looking the better side in the first half.

In the second half Yugal came out looking dangerous to counter-attack but unfortunately could not put the ball in the net.

The game could have gone Polonia's way when 10 minutes before the final whistle Polonia were awarded a penalty.

This could have been the turning point for Polonia but the goalkeeper went the wrong way and fortunately for Yugal the ball went to the left and missed the goalmouth.

All in all a hard game

with both sides playing well in defence and attack and making the end result of 0-0 a fair score.

Both teams will be going into first division next year and I think will be a credit to this division.

However a lapse in their defence allowed '75 to score a very easy goal chipping to the keeper.

At this stage '75 threw everything they possibly could into their defence and held Fairy Meadow until the last two minutes of the game when a defender for '75 suffered from cramp and fouled a Fairy Meadow player giving away a penalty.

The result of the game showed that '75 will be a real force next year.

NSL YOUTH

OLYMPIC A POINT FROM CHAMPIONSHIP

BY ALISTAIR RUSSELL

SYDNEY Olympic are poised to win the Youth Championship after a fine 5-0 win over Uruguay.

Meanwhile the main contenders became pretenders as St George scrambled to a 1-1 draw with Marconi and the mighty "Clarets", APIA were held to a 2-2 draw with Sutherland.

Manly picked up two points from bottom Warringah in the local derby with a Benny Wills goal in the 37th minute.

The race for the top five became more confused as Melita moved to their highest place this season. The Eagles are now third after beating Canterbury 2-1 at Arlington but must play Olympic, St. George and APIA to the semis.

OLYMPIC 5
URUGUAY 0

URUGUAY offered stiff resistance to the league leaders for the opening 45 minutes. Only a flick in front of goal sending the keeper the wrong way separated the sides at the break.

Uruguay offered nothing in attack and Olympic were always going to win in a canter as long as they kept their heads in front of goal.

After 17 minutes Nick Genaris found Steve Refenes with a good through ball on the left flank, Refenes sent in a cross that Mick Lardis connected goalwards and Jason Bennett flicked the ball wide of the keeper for the opening goal.

The Uruguayan keeper, Ken Damian, was working overtime to keep his side in the match, Steve Chilas hit the bar with a cracking shot in the 20th minute and a few minutes later Damian denied Refenes with a fine save from a cracking volley.

Chilas again threatened to score in the 31st minute but Damian saved brilliantly at the near post.

The second half was a different story as Uruguay's defence crumbled under an Olympic side that never got into second gear.

Damian could do little about Olympic increasing their lead a minute after the interval when David Barrett sidefooted home a cross from Steve Chilas.

Mick Lardis, one of the best for Olympic, was on hand to add two more in the 53rd and 65th minutes after goalmouth scrambles and Olympic led 4-0.

Onto the stage stepped Marshall Soper who came on with 30 minutes remaining and was called upon to take a penalty following a hand ball in the 77th minute. Damian saved the kick magnificently throwing himself to deny Soper. Six minutes later Soper again appeared at the penalty spot after Harry Adamou was fouled by the keeper and this time Soper beat the keeper but hit the bar.

Just as well for Olympic the title is firmly within their grasp, although they need a point from their last three games. But if the result for APIA v St. George stands as a forfeit by the Saints then Olympic have already won the championship.

The goal of the game came when Steve Chilas threaded a pass for Adamou who took his chance well pushing his shot into the corner, with four minutes left.

OLYMPIC: Londres (Sakeson), Barrett, Georgakis (Soper), Plataniotis, Hrist, Genaris, Lardis, Pon-

tidas, Bennett (Adamou), Chilas, Refenes.

URUGUAY: Damian, Leiker, Mravunac, Crane, Stounaras, Bruno, Rossini (Perelra), Gomez, Gurol, Borelo, Rodrigues (Colazo).

SUTHERLAND 2
APIA 2

Up until the weekend APIA held the best chance, be it ever so slim of taking the championship from Olympic.

However APIA still had to assure themselves of a top five place and they slipped up against an ever improving Sutherland at Seymour Shaw Park last Sunday.

Tony Clark opened the scoring for the home side in the 15th minute when he latched on to a loose ball and sidefooted the ball home after Peter King had tackled the keeper.

Vic Masi replied for APIA on the half hour when his free kick was deflected off a defender wide of the keeper.

Lupco Djordjieski scored with a brilliant curling shot a minute after half time giving Simpson no chance, smashing into the top far corner.

Sutherland hit back and with 6 minutes left Clark again netted, this time from a free kick. Clark

gave the keeper no chance and hit his shot into the top right hand corner.

With a minute to go Djordjieski could have wrapped up the game but shot wide with an open goal.

The draw means APIA dropped to fourth place and over the next few weeks have to play catch up to complete their deferred games, (6 matches in three weeks). APIA may struggle as they must still play Croatia twice, Melita, Marconi and St. George before the semis.

SUTHERLAND: Simpson, Burnell, Perkovic, Ashton, Carroll, Long, Nelson, (Mellier), Giovenco, Christodoulou (Barr), King, Clark.

Best Players: Andrew Long, Darren Burnell, Peter King.

APIA: Kypranov, Brady, Papoythis, Romeo, Pisano, Masi, Zullo, Djordjieski, Hadden, Koukounasis, (Neate), Parison (Ancora).

MARCONI 1
ST GEORGE 1

In a match that never reached any great heights and indeed both sides had to win, Marconi took the lead through David Lowe after 33 minutes when he took on the defence beat three defenders, rounded the keeper and slotted the ball home.

Lowe had redeemed himself after earlier missing a sitter from right in front in the 15th minute.

Kenny Slaveski was pulled down in the area in the 73rd minute and from the spot kick made no mistake for the equaliser and the sides shared the spoils.

MARCONI: Catlin, Cortes, Rizzotto, Agiasotis, Budwee, Surjan, Loran, Lowe, Russo, Curko, Carlucci.

Best Players: Paul Cortes, Brett Budwee, Greg Carluccio.

ST GEORGE: Bouhoutsos, Harmat, Kotevski, Naumovski, Glezenkamp, Lampropoulos, Dimoudis (Kotsias), Hughes, Caleta (Teleki), Slaveski, Soueld.

Best Players: Robert Harmat, Paul Glezenkamp, Carmine Soueld.

MANLY 1
WARRINGAH 0

Manly should have at least scored on five occasions but came up with only one through Benny Wills in the 37th minute.

Following a corner Wills ghosted in at the far post and blasted the ball home from close range.

MANLY: Beckitt, Reeves, Chung, Vale, Logan (Greaves), Ure, Annan, Glasscock, Willis, Englang, Wassell.

Best Players: Andrew Vale, Brad Glasscock, Benny Wills.

WARRINGAH: Foca, Landini, Bruzzano Cirkino, Azzolino, Simpson, Russo, Graziani, Mule, Gray, Dann.

CANTERBURY 1
MELITA 2

Melita moved to outright third place after fighting all the way to

down Canterbury last weekend.

The Eagles went to a 2-0 lead after goals from Scott Gilbert in the 35th and 38th minutes.

The first was a perfectly executed free kick from Scott Ashton, who from 40 metres, picked out Gilbert who headed home from 6 metres.

The second was a clever individual goal from Gilbert who picked up the ball in midfield beat two defenders and rounded the keeper before pushing the ball home into the empty net.


Early in the second half Greg Dickinson had the chance to wrap up the match for Melita. After receiving a good ball from Paul Rago, he beat his marker and fired in a shot from the edge of the area that was cleared off the line by a defender.

Canterbury struck back late in the game when Steve Karavatsis netted from a free kick just outside the box in the 78th minute, but Melita held on to take the points and third place.

CANTERBURY: Mihos, Diles, Ikonopoulos, P. Giannopoulos, Kokkinis, Beris, Lampropoulos, Karavatsis, Kerry, Stavropoulos, Myriallakis.

MELITA: Agius, Coiro, Daley, Klinkacovski, Myles, Pidcock, Ashton (Shute), Gilbert (Pratt), Rago, Bath, Dickinson.

Best Players: Darren Bath, Mark Myles, Darryl Pidcock.



The Wide World of Football

AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY present the best coverage of the world game as **FRANK COLETTA** brings you the latest news and views along with the best pics from overseas.

Ace strikers

ACE Malmö strikers Mats Magnusson and Lars Larsson, currently leading the Swedish scoring charts, are attracting the attention of Nottingham Forest.

Hogg sought

MANCHESTER City wants Manchester United centre-back Graeme Hogg.

Daniel delight

ARGENTINA's President Raul Alfonsín has publicly thanked former national team captain Daniel Passarella for donating \$21,231 to a food program for the unemployed.

★ The new owner of Standard Liege, American businessman Milan Mandarić, is reported to have pledged to sink \$140,000,000 into the Belgian club over the next few years.

★ The Italian federation's disciplinary committee has ruled that both Empoli of Serie A and Serie B club Triestina will commence next season with five point penalties for allegedly making attempts to rig games two years ago.

★ It is believed that Diego Maradona will receive \$180,000 for his appearance in the English Football League Centenary fixture at Wembley Stadium on August 8th.

★ Bayern Munich defeated Liverpool 3-2 in a testimonial match staged for Bayern's veteran striker Dieter Hoeness at the Munich Olympic Stadium.

ENGLISH star Trevor Francis, the player who has been involved in three \$2 million transfers, has agreed to play for Glasgow Rangers on a no-play, no-pay arrangement.

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THE Maradona brothers Diego and Hugo will face each other in the second match of the Italian season in mid-September when Napoli meets Ascoli.

NEW ZEALAND LOSES MACKAY



BILL HARRIS... Wellington topscorer.

RUPERT RELENTS

AMERICAN media baron and erstwhile Australian citizen Rupert Murdoch has plunged English Soccer authorities into confusion by withdrawing from a £4 million (\$A9.17m) sponsorship deal, only two weeks before the start of the new season.

The move to cancel the agreement between Mr Murdoch's recently-acquired Today newspaper and the game's governing body, the Football League, has drawn hostile reactions from Soccer clubs and officials.

But a spokesman for Today blamed the league for the split, saying it had not lived up to its side of their contract.

Dutch treat

EXPATRIOT Socceroo striker David Mitchell is back in the world spotlight with his new Dutch club Feyenoord who have been drawn against Sparta of Luxembourg in the first round of the UEFA Cup.

Prospecting

PROMOTED Derby County, the new moneybags team in the English first division, are still prospecting. They have their eye on million dollar plus men Derek Mountfield (Everton) and Leicester City's Ian Wilson.

Too much

KEITH Burkinshaw, former manager of Spurs, is now with Sporting Lisbon. He tried for Chelsea's Mickey Hazard but the \$900,000 pricetag was too high.

Money grubbers

PROFESSIONAL agents, who demand huge money for players, are ruining British Soccer, according to Villa team manager Graham Taylor. Said Taylor: "The whole football system nowadays is geared to money but some of the things agents are doing are immoral. Agents... have no feeling for the game... only money."

Stylish debut

ARSENAL's pricey new forward from Leicester, Alan Smith, banged in a hat trick for his new club in a 6-0 win over Ayr Utd.

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Liverpool Soccer ban

LIVERPOOL was today banned by the English Football Association from playing in Madrid on August 25, the day before neighbouring club Everton will be in action in the same city, because of concern for friction when both clubs' fans would be in Madrid at the same time.

Atletico Madrid president Jesus Gil said today he plans to complain to the English Football Association about the ban.

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SCOTTISH international Steve Archibald is expected to be released by Barcelona in two weeks and could be heading back to Britain.

Strike force

WEST Ham has blocked Glasgow Celtic's move for striker Frank McAvennie by slapping a mammoth \$3.43 million fee on the Scottish international.

Going home

GLASGOW Rangers' English striker Neil Woods has been transferred to Ipswich Town for \$270,000.



ZICO

Zico helps Flamengo cause

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazilian World Cup striker Zico, making a comeback after undergoing a second knee operation, helped Flamengo reach the Rio de Janeiro state Soccer league final tournament yesterday.

Zico provided the cross which left-winger Marquinho headed for 37th minute goal that gave Flamengo a 1-0 victory over traditional rivals Fluminense in the semi-final play-offs.

Flamengo now join Vasco de Gama, winners of the first stage, and Bangu, victors of the second stage, in the round-robin final due to start on Sunday.

Zico, who has returned after a nine-month layoff recovering from surgery, produced an impressive performance, especially in the second half when he twice came close to scoring with fine solo efforts.

Clemence quits

TOTTENHAM's former England goalkeeper Ray Clemence will retire at the end of next season.

Monaco ahead

MONACO, the new club of English superstars Glenn Hoddle and Mark Hateley, is leading the French championship.

NEWCASTLE United boss Willie McFaul has announced his English under-21 midfielder Paul Gascoigne is not for sale — much to the disappointment of Arsenal, Chelsea, Manchester United, Liverpool, Sheffield Wednesday and Rangers.

WATFORD chairman Elton John has launched an astonishing attack on English players and has accused them of cheating the public by only going through the motions in some games.

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Kennedy move

FORMER England and Liverpool defender Alan Kennedy 32, has joined fourth division club Hartlepool United.

Zico's return

BRAZILIAN World Cup star Zico, making a comeback after undergoing a second knee operation, has helped Flamengo reach the Rio de Janeiro state league final.

Bye, Bye, Bari

QUEENS Park Rangers expect to sign former England and Aston Villa midfielder Gordon Cowans from the Italian club Bari later this week.

Harper Hunt

EVERTON utility player Alan Harper, who played in Saturday's Charity Shield, could be on the move and Nottingham Forest are favourites to snap him up.

GLASGOW Celtic midfielder Tommy Burns picked up \$270,000 from a testimonial game against Liverpool at Parkhead won by Liverpool 1-0.

OVERSEAS

EDDIE AT ANDERLECHT

BY PAUL MOON

★ Eddie Krncevic found himself amongst a host of new faces when Belgian champions Anderlecht commenced its pre-season training. The Brussels club has recruited a new coach; Georges Leekens (from Cercle Bruges), and three prominent new players — Karri Ukkonen and Danny De Wilde (both from Beveren) and Stephen Keshi (from Lokeren).

★ The scheduled opening day of Uruguay's League Championship proved to be a fracas. First of all, the country's two major clubs, Penarol and Nacional, refused to fulfill their fixtures; playing lucrative friendlies abroad instead, and then the entire programme was cancelled because of a referees' strike. The match officials are demanding a greater say in how Uruguayan football is run.

★ Iraq faces possible expulsion from FIFA if hosting the Palestine Cup, a tournament for Arab national sides, in August as it intends to. The world body has banned all internationals in the country whilst the Gulf War continues, but the influential Federation of Arab Football Associations is seeking a compromise.

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